



Foundation Flash

The Mission of Altrusa International Foundation Inc. is a humanitarian, philanthropic organization whose mission is to empower Altrusans to provide effective community service programs.

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Welcome New Altrusans

Dear New Altrusan:

On behalf of the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., I welcome you to the Altrusa family. You are joining executives, professionals and genuinely caring people worldwide who are choosing to make a difference in their local and world communities.

In 1962, Altrusans created the Altrusa International Foundation. The Mission of Altrusa International Foundation Inc. is a humanitarian, philanthropic organization whose mission is to empower Altrusans to provide effective community service programs. Your Foundation receives contributions from local Clubs, individuals, and corporations and disperses funds to meet human needs. Grant Application Packets are available from the International Office, and also on the Altrusa International Foundation website: www.altrusa.com.

You will learn more about the Foundation as you participate in your Club's activities, attend District Workshops and Conferences and International Conventions.

The Foundation currently manages three funds for the use of local Clubs. Through the **Grants Program**, the Foundation provides assistance to individuals and helps Altrusa Clubs carry out independent programs of community service. The **Club 21 Program** supports agencies that offer programs worldwide for children with HIV/AIDS. Through the **Disaster Relief Program**, the Foundation can respond immediately around the world to traumas due to natural disasters with swift, direct aid.

The **Endowment Fund** is the Foundation's legacy to future generations of Altrusans and their communities. Contributions to the Endowment Fund will ensure that Altrusans continue to be

good citizens in communities where they work and live. Interest income from this Fund currently supports the ASTRA Club Service Award, the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award, Nina Fay Calhoun Award and the Community Leadership Award. Finally, the **Planned Giving Initiative** and **Lamplighter** programs which provide on-going support for the Foundation may also be of interest to you.

The Altrusa International Foundation merits your interest and support. Please give serious consideration to contributing annually, either individually or through your local Club. Gifts to the Altrusa International Foundation, from United States citizens and companies are tax deductible.

Enjoy being an Altrusan.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. (Beatty) Lee

"No matter who we are, or in what part of our world we live ... each of us is directed in our thoughts and behavior by tradition – the set of customs and actions passed down from generation to generation."

Attributed to : Hazel P. Williams and Lucille E. Hecht

International Foundation Board Updates: February 2008 and forward

Special points of interest:

- Updated Strategic Plan for the Foundation completed.
- Disaster Relief monies transferred in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the newly established Disaster Grant Program.
- Updated Grant Application Packets on the web.
- New Foundation incentives for Altrusa Clubs and Districts for Club 21, and Lamplighter are being investigated.
- Grant Awards for March 2008, reported below.
- A reminder to all Clubs receiving grants that **follow-up forms** are revised and due to the Foundation Office no later **than 6 months after the monies for your grant have been awarded.**
- **A special note of importance to all Altrusa Clubs** - The maximum amount of grant monies that can be awarded for both individual and project grants has been increased to \$2000 annually. You will find updated information and grant applications on the Altrusa website under Foundation.

May, 2008 Grant Award Recipients

A big round of applause and congratulations to the following Clubs, the most recent grant recipients.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Blair County, Pennsylvania	Kids Peace Duffle Bag Project	1,000.00
Tidewater, Virginia	H.O.P.E. Village Library Project	1,000.00
Spartanburg, South Carolina	Park Hills Elementary School	1,000.00
Enterprise, Alabama	Books for Babies	500.00
Knoxville, Tennessee	Reading Rules	1,000.00
Tupelo, Mississippi	Back to School With Michael Shoulders	300.00
Washington Court House, Ohio	Homeless Children Play Area	1,000.00
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	International Project – Belize	1,000.00
St. Paul, Minnesota	Minnesota Viviting Nurses (MVNA) Teen Pregnancy Project	1,000.00
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas	Comfort Kits Project	1,000.00
Mexico, Missouri	Third Grade Dictionary Project	1,000.00
The Brazos, Texas	Rapoport Academy Project	1,000.00
Houston, Texas	Building Strong School Libraries One School at a Time	1,000.00
Albuquerque, NM	Licensed Practical and Registered Nurses Scholarships	1,000.00
Nacogdoches, Texas	“SOS” – Save Our Schools	1,000.00
Palisade, Colorado	Reading Counts Project	500.00
Anaheim, California	Halcyon Homeless Shelter Support	500.00
Chula Vista, California	Battle of the Books Project	1,000.00
Indian Wells Valley, California	Boys & Girls Club-Birthday Books	500.00
Olympia, Washington	Comfort Care Program	1,000.00
TOTAL		\$17,300.00

District Liaisons

Incoming District Governors heed the call! As you are making your committee appointments by seeking out valued Altrusans to assume specific duties during your tenure, be mindful of the important role that the Foundation Liaison will take within your District. **A liaison is described by Webster as “a linking up or a connection of two or more separate entities or parts of a whole so that they can work together effectively. A person whose function it is to make and maintain a connection, as between persons or groups.”** For the upcoming biennium (2009-2011), we will be sharing with your appointee a new welcome kit, with everything they need to know about The International Foundation, in other words, **FOUNDATION 101**. We look forward to working with these Altrusans and sharing with them AND their DISTRICTS the many joys and fruits of Altrusa International. Foundation!

REMINDER:

- All Grant Applications must be postmarked no later than **September 15, 2008** to be considered for this upcoming grant cycle. **Updated Grant Application** Packets can be found on the Altrusa International website at www.altrusa.com.
- **Do not forget that August is the month for Annual Renewal for your Club 21 Dues.**

Legal Reminders for Local Foundations

It is imperative that you check your state raffle/gambling/gaming laws and statutes to insure that if you are having a raffle or fundraiser for your local Foundation that you are in compliance with applicable state law. We have been informed that each state’s requirements can be found on line at www.stepbystepfundraising.com or on your state’s website

Most local Foundations exist under the umbrella of the International Foundation, and as such you **must** insure that you are following State Law.

The International Foundation is requiring each Club to complete the Acknowledgement form annually and submit it to the International Office.

Your Two Cents Worth

Did you know that YOUR two cents can add up to dollars for the Foundation ? Perhaps you have never heard of the terms **“Planned Giving” or Deferred Giving or “Charitable Gift Planning:** Deferred giving is a commitment today to make a gift at a later time. A planned gift is made through your will and you can choose to leave a specific dollar amount, percentage or your estate. The Foundation has finalized its’ Planned Giving program and it will be showcased at the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in August of 2009. As the Foundation’s plan grows, we will

able to direct you to suggested resources, and increase your familiarity with these terms and concepts. There are numerous planned giving vehicles and combinations that allow a gift planner to tailor-make a gift plan. Indeed, one of the truly fulfilling aspects of charitable gift planning is the adventure of helping the Foundation and in cooperation with the appropriate advisors, construct the right plan for everyone concerned. Stay tuned for more information! A guide to “Planned Giving For Altrusans” is available from the International Foundation.

Thanks to the each and every Altrusan participating in District fund raisers for the Foundation. All together the amount raised topped:

General Fund: \$11,450.00 Endowment Fund : \$1, 159.00