

# COMMUNITY SHARE PROGRAM

The “*Community Share Program*” was established in 1993 by the Shareholders of 5 Star Travel Services. This Program, the only one of its kind in the United States, contributes a small donation for each booking made to a local non-profit organization during a six-month period. To date our highly praised Program has raised over **\$51,000** for AIDS related services, Scholarship Funds, GLAD, Domestic Violence Programs, Support Organizations, and other worthy causes. There are two beneficiaries to the Program each calendar year. Herewith the basic rules and regulations, along with guidelines, associated with the ‘*Community Share Program*’:

## 1. EXCEPTION OF DONATIONS:

NO CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE MADE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:

- (A) Free Tickets and/or Awards  
Any non-revenue ticket, free companion ticket, donated ticket, or tickets involving zero commission or income to the agency will not qualify for contribution to the Program.
- (B) Exchanges  
Any previously purchased ticket involving an exchange for a new ticket has already made a contribution on the original date of issue. No additional contribution will be made, even though the new ticket is a higher fare or Service Fees collected.
- (C) Car Rentals and Hotel Bookings  
The ‘No-Show’ factor on these bookings are high, which in turn gives zero commission to the agency.
- (D) Refunds/Cancellations  
In case of a refund or cancellation on any booking the *current* recipient gets deducted \$1 per person, even though the booking or contribution was made to a previous designated recipient.
- (E) Request by Client  
In the event a client specifically requests not to forward a contribution to the designated recipient (believe it or not, this has happened), we will honor his/her wish. No alternate cause or organization will be considered in such a case.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify as a recipient of the “*Community Share Program*” a written request for consideration must be submitted to the offices of 5 Star Travel providing proof of non-profit status (501c) and a Mission/Purpose statement of said organization. In some cases the Selection Committee, or 5 Star Travel clients, nominates an organization on their behalf, without having been solicited. In such cases the organizations are contacted with the news of their nomination, and requested to forward the necessary information for consideration. Only non-political and non-religious organizations registered in New England shall be considered. No one (1) organization shall be selected for a second (or more.) time within a three (3) year period.

## **3. OTHER**

### **EXPOSURE:**

Organizations capable of providing exposure of the Program and designation will be given priority consideration. Recipients are encouraged to make announcements through their newsletter(s), mailings, websites and/or campaign announcements, as this is a ‘win-win’ situation for all parties involved. Recipients must also grant 5 Star Travel the use of their name and logo for the purpose of promoting the Program through media advertisements, mailings, posters and other means. Costs incurred in the promotion of the Program will not result in a deduction of the total amount of funds raised for the designee(s).

### **ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION**

The actual contribution shall be made within 45 days after the designated period by one (or two) officers of 5 Star Travel to an Executive Director, or representative of the recipient’s organization. This shall be done in public, with media coverage and/or others present, to verify the contribution to the organization has been made. In most cases the actual amount contributed is rounded [up] from the audited amount raised.

## **PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:**

- 1993** FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
- 1994** FOR THE LOVE OF LIFE! (wish-granting org.)  
PRIDE IN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- 1995** GLAD – GAY/LESBIANS ADVOCATES & DEFENDERS  
THE BOSTON LIVING CENTER
- 1996** N.B.L. NETWORK FOR BATTERED LESBIANS  
VICTORY PROGRAMS
- 1997** COMMUNITY SERVINGS  
THE SHARED HEARTS FOUNDATION
- 1998** WOMEN’S HEALTH SERVICES AT THE F.C.H.C.  
MOCAA – MEN OF COLOR AND AIDS
- 1999** GRGRF – GAY RIGHTS GRASS ROOTS FUND  
POSSITIVE DIRECTIONS
- 2000** BAGLY – BOSTON ALLIANCE OF GAY/LESBIAN YOUTH  
G.M.D.V.P. – GAY MEN’S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT
- 2001** PROJECT 10 EAST  
PRIDELIGHTS FOUNDATION
- 2002** FREEDOM TO MARRY COALITION (Of Massachusetts)  
SPEAKOUT
- 2003** G.O.A.L.– GAY OFFICERS ACTION LEAUGUE - New England  
AIDS ACTION COMMITTEE
- 2004** B.S.L. – BEANTOWN SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS
- 2005** THE BRIDGE OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS  
THE HISTORY PROJECT
- 2006** CRI – COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (of N.E.)  
MASSEQUALITY.ORG

**2007** JRI – JUSTICE RESOURCE INSTITUTE  
PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS

**2008** LGBT AGING PROJECT