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ATC'S RECOMMENDED NONPROFITS FOR 2011 HOLIDAY GIVING

Below is a list of ATC's recommended nonprofits that are working on lead issues to consider for the 2011 holiday giving season. Please let us know if you have any questions. Happy Holidays from the ATC staff!

EDUCATION

DonorsChoose.org (<http://www.donorschoose.org/>) makes it easy for anyone to help students in need by donating online. Here is how it works: Public school teachers from across the United States can post classroom project requests on the site. Donors can then browse project requests and give any amount to a project that inspires them. Once a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org delivers the materials to the school. Donors receive photos of the project, a thank you letter from the teacher, and a cost report showing how each dollar was spent. DonorsChoose.org has helped raise more than \$96 million, helping over 5.6 million students mostly in high-poverty and high-need schools.

Mission: DonorsChoose.org's mission is to improve public education by empowering every teacher to be a change-maker and enabling any citizen to be a philanthropist. Its vision is a nation where students in every community have the resources they need to learn.

ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE CHANGE

Gulf Restoration Network (GRN) (<http://healthygulf.org/>) is committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region for future generations. GRN is one of ATC's two partners on the ground in New Orleans. Since the storms of 2005, GRN has worked for a national commitment to the restoration of the coastal wetlands of Louisiana, the region's natural storm protection, which are disappearing at the rate of an acre an hour. The 2010 BP drilling disaster has greatly increased threats to this ecosystem, and the GRN has provided independent monitoring and advocacy since the first days of the disaster. In the wake of the oil spill, ATC has worked with bands to help direct more than \$100,000 to GRN.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

East Africa Food Crisis

- **Oxfam** (www.oxfam.org) is one of the most effective organizations that continue to work with local partners to get emergency food and water to those hardest hit in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. The severe drought claimed thousands of innocent lives each day last summer and although rain has started to fall in the region, with more water and pasture comes the increased risk of disease. Emergency conditions are expected to last well into 2012.

Mission: Oxfam works directly with communities and seeks to influence the powerful to ensure that poor people can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them. <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/emergencies/food-crisis-in-east-africa>

Southern U.S. Tornado Relief

- **Joplin Recovery Fund** (<http://www.cfozarks.org/category/joplin-tornado/joplin-recovery-fund/>) was established to support mid- and long-term community redevelopment efforts in the city of Joplin, which was hardest hit in the Southern U.S. tornadoes and flooding last Spring. It is estimated that Joplin will need \$3 billion to rebuild. The foundation is distributing 100% of donated funds via grants to local organizations in need.

Mission: The goal of the Joplin Recovery Fund, established by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, is to address the needs of nonprofit organizations serving the Joplin area as they work on recovery efforts, which will require years of support.

Vermont Flood Relief

- **Vermont Irene Flood Relief Fund** (<http://www.vtirenefund.org/>) was established to help Vermont's small businesses get back on their feet quickly with grants instead of loans. So far, 165 small businesses have been assisted in time for the critical tourism seasons. Small businesses are the backbone of the Vermont economy, and 100% of donations made to the fund go to Vermont businesses in need.

Mission: The Vermont Irene Flood Relief Fund is committed to getting the hundreds of small businesses that were in the path of the raging floods spawned by Hurricane Irene get back up and running.

IMMIGRATION

Florence Project (<http://www.firrp.org/>) provides and coordinates free legal services and related social services to indigent men, women, and unaccompanied children detained in Arizona for immigration removal proceedings. The Project strives to ensure that detained individuals have access to counsel, understand their rights under immigration law, and are treated fairly and humanely by our judicial system.

Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants through public defenders and legal aid attorneys, it does not provide attorneys for people in immigration removal proceedings. As a result, an estimated 90 percent of the detained people go unrepresented due to poverty. The Florence Project strives to address this inequity both locally and nationally through direct service, partnerships with the community, and advocacy and outreach efforts.

LGBTQ SUPPORT

The Trevor Project (<http://www.thetrevorproject.org>) is determined to end suicide among LGBTQ youth by providing life-saving and life-affirming resources including its nationwide, 24/7 crisis intervention lifeline, digital community and advocacy/educational programs that create a safe, supportive and positive environment for everyone.

The Trevor Project operates three core program areas in order to provide life-saving and life-affirming resources for LGBTQ youth and to create safe, accepting and inclusive environments for all young people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The organization is a pioneer in reaching out to youth in crisis, working in schools, on the telephone lines and online, and was part of the widespread viral video "It Gets Better Project" campaign this Fall.

Air Traffic Control (<http://www.atctower.net/donations>) Just like all of the great organizations mentioned above, Air Traffic Control is also a 501(c) 3 nonprofit relying on the generous donations of foundations, major donors and individuals who believe in our vision to continue our work. 2011 has been a big year for ATC and the demand for the work we do is growing. This is great news but we need your help to continue to serve our expanding network of artists and managers. If you are in a position to give a donation this year, if ATC has been of service to you or your artists, or if you are just happy that we exist, please consider a donation of any size. [Click here](#) if you would like to make a secure online donation.

Air Traffic Control (ATC) exists to help musicians play an effective, unique and vital role in the promotion of social justice. Musicians and managers established ATC five years ago to assemble an experienced and trusted team of leaders, resources and tools that would help them to create more effective social change collaborations with each other and with social justice organizations. As a result, ATC became an artists' air traffic control—one that develops capacity, efficiency, and coordination to produce stronger and more creative social change partnerships. For more information, please go to www.atctower.net.