

American Outreach Foundation

Donor Privacy

AOF is committed to respecting donor privacy, and will not sell, share, or otherwise disclose information about you to any outside party. AOF also has a policy of not sending mail or email on behalf of other organizations. AOF may occasionally send you a thank-you message or news and insights about the organization's efforts, but will never send fundraising solicitations. If you prefer not to receive mail or email you may notify AOF of your preference by contacting us via telephone or email.

Anonymous Donations

Some people prefer to donate without revealing their identity to the charities they support to avoid being spammed with fundraising solicitations or other unwanted communication, or having their personal information sold or disclosed to other organizations. AOF will never do any of those things, but if you wish to remain anonymous, AOF will gratefully accept your gift and honor your preference. Some common ways to make an anonymous gift include:

- **Donate Through a Donor-Advised Fund:** If you want to conceal your identity, you may decide to work with a donor-advised fund that will contribute on your behalf. AOF would not know your name, address, or any other personal information. Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Vanguard, and Schwab Charitable are three of the largest donor-advised funds.
- **Donate Through a Community Foundation:** Similar to a donor-advised fund, you can set up a fund through your local community foundation. You can do this anonymously and the community foundation will not share your personal information with AOF.
- **Donate Online:** You can make a gift through a third-party website that serves as a clearinghouse for charitable donations. Two examples are PayPal Giving Fund and Network for Good. Both of these options function much like a donor-advised fund, except that they process donations through the donor's credit card. You can choose whether to remain anonymous or be identified to the recipient charity. Either way, you get a tax receipt from PayPal Giving Fund or Network for Good.
- **Mail a Money Order:** You can go to your bank, credit union, the U.S. Post Office, or other convenient location and purchase a money order. Unlike a cashier's check that you get from a bank that must have your name on it, money orders can be bought and sent anonymously.

The information on this page is for general information only and should not be taken as legal, tax, or financial advice. There are advantages and disadvantages to each of these options, and there are other options not included here. You should discuss your objectives and personal situation with a trusted professional advisor before making any decisions about how to donate anonymously.

Confidentiality of Donor Records

Protecting the confidentiality of donor information is an essential part of the work done at AOF. All donor information that is obtained by AOF is handled by staff on a confidential basis except as otherwise disclosed in this Policy or except as disclosed when the information is provided to AOF. All staff sign a confidentiality pledge and are expected to demonstrate professionalism, good judgment and care to avoid unauthorized or inadvertent disclosures of donor information. Staff may share with donors, fund beneficiaries, and grantees information pertaining to their own gifts, funds, and grants.

How We Protect Donor Information

Except as described in this Policy or at the time the information is provided, we do not otherwise disclose donor information to any third parties, and we never sell, rent, lease or exchange personal information with other organizations. The identity of all who connect with us through our website, postal mail and email is kept confidential.

The use of donor information is limited to internal purposes, by authorized individuals, and to advance resource development efforts that require donor information, as noted above. We have established and implemented reasonable and appropriate physical, technical and administrative safeguards to help prevent unauthorized access, maintain data security and ensure the proper use of donor information. In particular, AOF secures the personally identifiable information provided on computer servers in a controlled, secure environment, protected from unauthorized access, use or disclosure.

When payment information (such as a credit card number) is transmitted to other Web sites, it is protected through the use of encryption, such as the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol. Moreover, credit card numbers are not retained by AOF once processed. Although we have implemented reasonable and appropriate measures to safeguard against unauthorized disclosures of donor information, our security measures may not prevent all losses and we cannot ensure that donor information will never be disclosed in a manner that is inconsistent with this Policy.

In the event security failures or disclosures contravene federal or state laws, AOF will follow all applicable federal and state notification requirements to make you aware of what happened. AOF is not responsible for any damages or liabilities.

Questions, comments, or concerns?

If, at any time, you have questions or would like to review, correct, or remove your personal information collected by AOF, please contact us via email or telephone and a member of the team will be happy to assist you.