

Third-Party Fundraising Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in supporting the mission of The BackStoppers®! Please carefully review the following guidelines, which have been designed for the protection of the fundraiser and BackStoppers®.

Definition

Third-Party Fundraiser – an organization, group, or individual (the Organizer) raising funds on behalf of The BackStoppers® (the Beneficiary) through a fundraiser where The BackStoppers® has no financial responsibilities, liability, and minimal staff involvement. The Organizer is the sole Organizer of the fundraiser and BackStoppers is not the Organizer.

Fundraiser Approval

After reading the Third-Party Fundraiser Guidelines, complete and submit the Third-Party Fundraiser Application to the Fundraiser Manager for approval.

- We will respond to your submission form promptly.
- Approval by The BackStoppers® must be obtained before you may advertise or hold your fundraiser.
- Each submission will be considered individually. Generally, fundraisers that will not be approved:
 - Do not support the mission and values of The BackStoppers® organization.
 - Would require The BackStoppers® to sell tickets, coupons, etc.
- BackStoppers® reserves the right to decline or withdraw approval of a fundraiser at any given time.
- Games of chance may be approved on a case-by-case basis. We cannot approve Squares games or Queen of Hearts Drawings.

Third-Party Fundraiser Responsibilities

- Organizing
- Operations/Logistics
- Promotions/Publicity/Advertisement
- Fundraisers must comply with all relevant local, state, and federal laws.
- Obtaining all necessary Permits/Waivers/Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Financial Liability

Fundraiser Insurance/Liability

Fundraisers must comply with all relevant local, state, federal law and public health orders including obtaining required insurance, permits or licenses (i.e. gaming license, liability insurance etc.).

BackStoppers® may request at any given time for proof of appropriate documents.

BackStoppers® is not an organizer of the event and does not provide insurance. The BackStoppers® is not liable.

The organizer is responsible for accepting all liability and is responsible for complying with the venues' insurance or event coverage policies.

Fundraiser Income and Expenses

Fundraiser organizers are responsible for expenses incurred and maintaining accounting of the fundraiser. The BackStoppers® will not be liable for any costs or expenses.

Fundraiser Proceeds

Fundraiser proceeds must be submitted to The BackStoppers® (EIN: 43-6032561) or another approved entity listed below that benefits BackStoppers within 60 days of the conclusion of the fundraiser. Proof of donation to an entity listed below must be submitted within 60 days of the conclusion of the fundraiser.

St. Louis Guns ‘N Hoses Boxing Association (EIN: 32-0262358)
 Calhoun County Il BackStoppers (EIN: 88-2885757)
 Gasconade County BackStoppers (EIN: 93-3741839)
 BackStoppers of Jefferson County Missouri (EIN: 82-2863254)
 Backstoppers of Jersey County Inc. (EIN: 87-3534731)
 Backstoppers of Madison County Illinois (EIN: 93-2739553)
 BackStoppers of Monroe County IL (EIN: 43-6032561)
 Perry County Il Backstoppers (EIN: 88-0649748) (509(a)(2))
 Perry County MO BackStoppers (EIN:43-6032561)
 Backstoppers of Phelps County Missouri (EIN: 92-0814780)
 Backstoppers of Randolph County (EIN: 87-4706514)
 BackStoppers of Saint Charles County (EIN: 87-4586504)
 Ste. Genevieve County BackStoppers (EIN:43-6032561)
 Warren County BackStoppers Committee (EIN: 61-1716360)

(In the case of an ongoing promotion, a proceeds submission schedule is agreed upon by BackStoppers® and the organizer.)

- If fundraiser proceeds are being made to The BackStoppers, Inc. mail to
 - The BackStoppers, Inc.
 PO Box 795168
 Saint Louis, MO 63179-0700
- Indicate the fundraiser in the check memo or enclosed letter.
- Cash proceeds must be donated in the form of a cashier’s check or money order and may not be given to a BackStoppers® representative at an event or brought to the office.
- Donation acknowledgement letters in accordance with IRS regulations are provided for donations made directly to The BackStoppers® with clearly labeled donor information.
- Organizers may not use fundraiser proceeds to purchase a BackStoppers® membership without fundraiser participants’ consent.

Marketing and Promotion

Once your fundraiser is approved, we will provide you with The BackStoppers® logo for your marketing materials.

- BackStoppers® must review and approve all publicity material related to the fundraiser and anything on which our name and/or logo appear before it is printed or distributed. This includes, but is not limited to, flyers, invitations, press releases, merchandise, etc.
- The BackStoppers®' name and logo are trademarked and may not be altered.
- The BackStoppers®' name and logo may not be positioned on flyers and letters or otherwise used in a manner that suggests The BackStoppers® is an organizer or presenter of a fundraiser, promotion, event, campaign, etc.
- The BackStoppers® name and logo may not be placed on a product or promotional material in a manner that suggests branding.
- Other graphics and designs created by BackStoppers® or that appear on BackStoppers® own merchandise may not be used.
- BackStoppers® does not approve the use of our name or logo on crowdfunding sites.
- Promotional materials may not indicate proceeds are donated directly to BackStoppers® if proceeds are donated to a third-party benefiting BackStoppers®.
- As a fundraiser organizer, you are welcome to contact local media regarding your fundraiser. BackStoppers® does not write or distribute press releases for your fundraiser or solicit media coverage on your behalf.
- The BackStoppers® does not provide mailing lists for donors, volunteers, or sponsors, and is unable to mail information on behalf of the fundraiser.
- The BackStoppers® does not email area first responder departments on behalf of the fundraiser.
- The BackStoppers® does not utilize the “Co-Hosting” and “Add to Page” Facebook event features.

Representation and Online Presence

- Fundraiser organizers must manage social media pages and other online presence with appropriateness and decorum and in the same manner as The BackStoppers, Inc. with regard to content, comment moderation, and responses to comments.
- Ensure committee members and others representing the fundraiser behave in a manner appropriate for representation of The BackStoppers, Inc.

How We Help

BackStoppers® can help with your fundraiser in the following ways:

- Approve the use of The BackStoppers® name and logo.
- Mention the fundraiser to our constituents, where applicable, in the following:
 - <http://backstoppers.org> website
 - The BackStoppers® public events calendar
 - The BackStoppers® monthly email update
 - The BackStoppers® social media accounts (photos/graphics required)
 - The BackStoppers® mobile app
- Provide tax receipts for contributions made payable and submitted to The BackStoppers®.
- Provide a speaker or representative if requested at the time of application and based on speaker availability.

- Provide BackStoppers® fundraiser materials if requested at the time of application and based on availability.
- Provide a letter of acknowledgement to validate the fundraiser.

Get Started

Please complete the Third-Party Fundraiser Application and submit it to Katelyn Klaus, Fundraisers Manager, at least two (2) weeks prior to the event. Please contact Katelyn with any Questions.

Katelyn Klaus: katelyn@backstoppers.org, (314) 692-0200 x14

Thank you very much for your interest in supporting our mission of providing needed financial assistance and support to the spouses and dependent children of all police officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs in our coverage area who have lost their lives or suffered a catastrophic injury performing their duty.