

Some Suggestions to Get You Thinking About the NFP Individual Choice

You DO NOT have to choose from this list, but some people have trouble choosing a local NFP, so these are suggestions to get you started thinking. Avoid religious and political groups (ex: PETA, Planned Parenthood). NOT approved 2010-2011: any Foundations, hospitals, SD Zoo and WAP, Make a Wish, St. Jude, Surfrider, Life Rolls On, Helen Woodward, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, SD Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, Polinsky Center, United Way, etc.

- Read the assignment and related Course Documents
- Get approval by semester deadline
- Find your Form 990 on Guidestar.org and save it
- Consider downloading Guidestar's *Understanding the IRS Form 990* to better interpret what the information means

Children's/Young People's Causes: South Bay YMCA (or another area one), Barrio Logan College Institute, San Diego Youth and Community Services (choose one or two programs, not the whole organization), Boys and Girls Clubs (choose one location), Stand Up For Kids, Kids Included Together, Elementary Institute of Science

Cultural/Arts Causes: SD Opera, SD Symphony, SD Lyceum Theater, Cygnet Theater, Old Globe Theatres, North Coast Rep Theatre, SD Ballet, SD Lyric Opera, California Ballet, SD Chamber Orchestra

Balboa Park and other Museums: SD Natural History M, SD Aerospace M, SD Hall of Champions, SD Automotive Museum, Mingei M, SD Museum of Man, Japanese Friendship Garden, Fern Street Circus, SD Maritime Society, Midway M

Animals: SD Humane Society, Helen Woodward Center (NOT approved in 2010-11), Friends of Cats, Friends of County Animal Shelters, Rescue House (cats)

Older People: Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Centers of San Diego, Elder Help, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

Environment: Mission Trails Park, Project Wildlife,

Homeless: Alpha Project, Second Chance, Monarch School, Catholic Charities Women's Bean Project, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army (focus on homeless, not religion)

AIDS Patients or People with Special Needs: Special Delivery, Mama's Kitchen Challenge Center, ARTS, young professionals "disease" groups

Sports: SD Tennis Council, others with primarily charity purpose

Literacy: Family Literacy Foundation, Rolling Readers