

Reusable Shopping Bag Fundraising Opportunity

The Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce, as part of our CommunityMatters initiative, is offering a fundraising opportunity to area organizations and clubs. The Chamber will provide reusable shopping bags that can be sold for fundraising. The bags are part of a community campaign for a disposable plastic bag free community. We expect to begin offering the program in June, 2008.

Here is how it works:

1. A responsible representative of the club or organization applies to the Chamber to participate in the program by providing the following information:
 - Name and description of club or organization
 - Responsible representative (name, address, phone, email)
 - Estimated start and end dates of fundraising activity
 - Quantity of bags desired for the activity
2. Upon acceptance of the application, the Chamber provides the agreed upon number of bags to the responsible representative who signs for them. The Chamber may also provide educational handouts from PEEC about the disposable bag free campaign to be distributed with the bags.
3. The club or organization agrees to the following:
 - Bags will be sold for \$3 each or ten for \$25
 - The Chamber will be reimbursed \$1.25 for each bag sold by the date agreed upon for the end of the fundraising project. The club or organization keeps the balance of the proceeds.
 - All unsold bags will be returned to the Chamber in the condition and in the packaging in which they were provided. The organization agrees to reimburse the Chamber \$1.25 for any bag not returned in this condition.

Most clubs or organizations that provide general public benefit are appropriate for this program. However, the Chamber reserves the sole right to accept or reject applications to participate in this program. The Chamber will use the proceeds from the project to reorder reusable bags as needed in order to maintain an inventory and perpetuate the opportunity for future groups. We intend to try to offer this opportunity as long as there is continuing demand for it.

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