

Random Acts of Flowers – Chicago

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Program Location: Chicago
Amount Requested: \$7,500
Program Budget: \$208,000
Program Start Date: 01/01/18
Program End Date: 01/31/19
Program Director: Andrea Lutz
Contact Person: Andrea Lutz

Organization: Random Acts of Flowers improves the emotional wellbeing of individuals in healthcare facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement and personal moments of kindness. The first “Random Act of Flowers” was made by founder Larsen Jay, as he repurposed flowers given to him and delivered them from his wheelchair. The memories of how a simple gesture touched his fellow patients compelled Larsen to form Random Acts of Followers in 2008. Five branches: Knoxville, TN (2008); Tampa, FL (2013); Chicago, IL (2013); Silicon Valley, CA (2015); Indianapolis, IN (2016). RAF – Chicago has served 61,656 people in 190 healthcare facilities, recycled 56,000 vases, partnered with 90 floral donors and is supported by over 300 committed volunteers.

Program: RAF will provide:

- One delivery of bouquets to the Greek American Rehabilitation Care Centre during the Christmas Season. (December 2017 is possible).
- A floral arranging activity at GARCC.
- One delivery of bouquets to Hellenic Foundation for its In-home care clients during the Christmas Season. (December 2017 is possible).
- One delivery of bouquets for all residence at Hollywood House during the Christmas Season. (December 2017 is possible).
- A floral arranging activity for all residence at Hollywood House.
- RAF will partner with Guardian Angel Greek Orthodox Day School to offer volunteer experiences to K-6 students.

Grant Committee Determination:

No presentation required. Approved for Board consideration during the scheduled Special Board Meeting – Conference Call.

Board of Directors’ Grant Award Determination – Special Board Meeting, Oct. 11, 2017:

Grant Award: \$7,500, upon completion of program elements.