Responsibilities as a fundraiser

Please take a moment to read over our fundraising guidelines. These guidelines are to assist businesses, groups and individuals who are interested in fundraising for wildlife conservation on behalf of Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors (AZWW) to raise funds the best way possible.

The following guidelines apply if you are requesting approval for:

- A fundraising event or activity on behalf of AZWW;
- The use of AZWW name or logo.

Authority to fundraise

As with any not-for-profit organisation, AZWW is governed by specific regulations, so before you start fundraising it is important that you take the time to review these guidelines to ensure both our and your obligations to charity laws and legislation are met. Once these requirements are fulfilled, you will then be able to focus on having fun and becoming a successful fundraiser.

Once AZWW has received your signed Fundraising Application Form and your fundraising organiser has been approved, AZWW will then send you permission to fundraise in the form of an ‘Authority to Fundraise’ letter (or equivalent documentation relevant to your application).

Upholding Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors standards

Due to AZWW’s strict ethical standards, authority to fundraise will only be granted to activities/events that align with our vision and mission. AZWW will not be associated with any fundraisers that could potentially include:

- The promotion of alcohol;
- The sale of wildlife products;
- The mistreatment of animals; and/or
- Dangerous or high-risk activities.

AZWW reserves the right to refuse authorisation of fundraising activities or withdraw approval for the fundraising activity/event at any time. AZWW also asks that you kindly do not fundraise through door-to-door knocking without further consultation with AZWW.

Responsibility

The fundraising organiser, listed on the Authority to Fundraise letter, will be responsible for the fundraising activity in its entirety. Where possible, AZWW will provide support and guidance to the fundraising organiser. However, the fundraising organiser, not AZWW, will be responsible for the coordination, management and budgeting of the fundraiser.

The fundraising organiser is also responsible for carrying the signed Authority to Fundraise letter at all times, so that it may be produced upon request.

Fundraising by children

There are strict laws pertaining to fundraising by children to ensure their health and wellbeing. Please note any child under the age of eight (8) is not allowed to partake in fundraising activities in some states in Australia. Any child 13 years old or under must be accompanied by a guardian at all times during participation. Please refer to your State/Territory fundraising regulations or contact us for more information.

Hosting a donation box

If you are hosting a donation box, you are required to ensure proper supervision, security and control over the box at all times. AZWW can provide you will a flatpack donation box for your fundraising activity. Initially, one donation box can be provided to the fundraiser organiser. If you require additional boxes or a replacement box, you will be charged a fee.

If you are requesting a donation box for your workplace or business, please fill out a Donation Tin Application form, which can be found on our website, to apply for a lockable plastic donation tin.

When the box is over half full, you are required to call AZWW to arrange delivery of collected money. If applicable, please ensure the clearance of the donation box is followed by immediate transfer of monies to AZWW. More information will be provided upon application.
**Media and promotion**

It is important that in your correspondence and promotion that you make it clear that the activity is to raise funds for AZWW and is not hosted directly by AZWW. Here are a few suggestions:

- ‘Proudly supporting Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors’
- ‘Funds raised will go towards Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors’
- ‘All proceeds from this event will go towards Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors’ global conservation projects’

AZWW is happy to provide to approved fundraisers, brochures, information about our conservation projects and potentially include information about your activity/event on our website. Any material mentioning AZWW must be approved before release – please contact us for approval purposes. AZWW will endeavour to help in whatever way possible to promote your approved fundraiser.

**Approaching organisations**

Please do not contact any organisations, sporting teams, associations or celebrities without prior approval from AZWW. We are regularly in contact with organisations and celebrities for support. It would be detrimental to our efforts and unprofessional if they are approached more than once.

**Logo usage**

The AZWW logo is a registered trademark. If you are hosting an event that is not hosted by AZWW, we will provide you with our ‘local community fundraiser’ logo unless otherwise officially approved.

**Auction item register**

If you have been approved to approach organisations for auction items for your activity/event, you need to supply AZWW with the following information for each donated item:

- Item description;
- Who it was donated by;
- Donor contact name (if organisation);
- Donor contact email and phone number;
- Retail value of item;
- Price sold at auction;
- Payment method (if applicable);
- Name of auction winner;
- Postal address of winner;
- Contact email and phone number of winner; and
- A total of the funds raised through the auction.

Please request an Auction Item Registration Form from AZWW to submit this information.

**Irwin family involvement**

Any requests for attendance at functions by Terri, Bindi and Robert will be passed onto the relevant department at Australia Zoo. Due to the large number of requests the Irwin family receive, we appreciate your patience and your understanding if family members are unable to attend your fundraising function.
Legal obligations
As the fundraising organiser, you are responsible for researching and complying with all Federal and State/Territory laws and regulations relating to your fundraising activity. You must also adhere to your state’s Charitable Fundraising Act or equivalent legislation.

Your basic obligations are to:

- Keep an accurate financial record of income and expenses associated with the activity (including receipts and invoices).
- Provide AZWW with an accurate record of income and expenses including petty cash.
- Keep a register of all engaged participants (paid or voluntary) and provide to AZWW upon request.
- Return all money raised, details of your actual income and expenditure to AZWW within four weeks of the conclusion of your fundraiser.

Banking funds raised
Direct deposit the funds into the appropriate bank account below.

For fundraising events/activities in Australia please use:
  - ANZ Bank Account: ‘Wildlife Warriors Public Fund’
    BSB: 014 507
    Account number: 110 103 959

For fundraising events/activities in the United States please use:
  - Umpqua Bank Account: ‘Wildlife Warriors USA Inc’
    Routing Number: 123205054
    Account Number: 4867549802

Please send your transaction receipt and contact details to info@wildlifewarriors.org.au.

Permits and permissions
All fundraising activities must abide by relevant Federal, State/Territory and local government laws and regulations. It is the responsibility of the fundraising organiser to apply for any Government or Council permits that may be required.

Issuing receipts
AZWW is a registered charity, and as such all donations made in Australia and the United State of America of $2 and over are tax deductible. As the fundraising organiser, you are required to fill out the AZWW ‘Donation/Sponsorship Form’ (provided with the Authority to Fundraise Letter) for all donations. At the completion of your fundraiser, you must return it within a maximum of four weeks in order for us to process and receipt all donations.

Public liability insurance
AZWW has limited liability insurance to cover most fundraising activities. You will be covered under this insurance once you have received your Authority to Fundraise letter. Depending on your activity, you may also need to consider arranging public liability insurance of your own.
More information?
We are here to help! If you have any questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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