



## Descriptions of FBB programs

Our programs fall into two main categories: Humanist Giving, and Humanist Volunteering.

### Humanist Giving: charitable giving under the banner of humanism

#### *1. Humanist Giving monthly donation program:*

Foundation Beyond Belief highlights five charitable organizations per quarter: Human Rights, Poverty and Health, Education, Natural World, and Challenge the Gap. Among other considerations, beneficiaries are chosen for efficiency, effectiveness, moderate size (annual budget under \$10 million), compatibility with humanist focus on mutual care of this world and this life, and geographic diversity. All categories feature secular organizations with the exception of "Challenge the Gap," which gives members the option of supporting one progressive, non-proselytizing religious organization each quarter.

We have recently introduced our Compassionate Impact Grant program, which takes place every second quarter (currently running in Q2 2015). During these quarters, we feature a single beneficiary, with the goal of raising and donating a significant and capacity-building grant to an organization with potentially transformative evidence-informed social innovations that solve critical community problems.

#### *2. Humanist Disaster Recovery Drive:*

A program we run in response to a natural or humanitarian disaster. We assess various organizations responding to the disaster for their financial responsibility, effectiveness, and compatibility with the humanist worldview, and raise funds to support this program's immediate response and ongoing recovery efforts.

### Humanist Volunteering

#### *1. Group volunteering programs:*

- a. The **Beyond Belief Network**, a collective of over 100 freethought organizations putting compassionate humanism into action through community volunteering and charitable fundraising. To date, our BBN teams in over 82 cities and 34 states have donated over 60,000 hours of community service, and counting. BBN is a Foundation Beyond Belief program designed to encourage and assist local and online groups of secular humanists, atheists, and other nonbelievers to serve their communities. BBN staff assist teams with ideas and tips for service, planning events, and finding existing opportunities for service in their areas. Teams can submit reports about their events to earn perks like t-shirts, grants for service activities, and national recognition. Teams with a non-theistic or secular humanist identity are encouraged to apply. Individuals looking for volunteer opportunities



can connect to local groups, seek advice on starting a group, or get ideas for volunteering as an individual.

- b. **LLS Light the Night Walks:** Foundation Beyond Belief is the international rallying point around which local freethought, atheist, and secular humanist groups will form teams to participate in Light the Night Walks to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Individuals can participate in our virtual team.

## *2. Individual volunteering programs:*

- a. **Humanist Service Corps:** The Humanist Service Corps provides an avenue for humanists to engage in global cultural exchange while working to protect human rights and the environment. HSC partners with local organizations and individuals to encourage sustainable programs and practices in their communities. In 2015, the Humanist Service Corps will begin placing volunteers in Northern Ghana, where they will work to restore dignity to women who have been accused of witchcraft and banished to 'witch-camps.' Although the women are relatively safe from violence once they are in exile, the living conditions are deplorable. They do not have access to basic education and healthcare and they are unaware of or are unable to exercise legal protections under Ghanaian and international laws. Working in concert with local human rights organizations such as Songtaba, Humanist Service Corps volunteers will design and implement 6-12 month projects with the short-term goal of improving the standard of living in the witch camps and the long-term goal of eliminating the dynamics which lead to death or forcible and violent exile of women from their communities.
- b. **Humanist Disaster Recovery (HDR) Teams:** our mission is to coordinate a humanist disaster recovery program and to provide non-theists an avenue to assist impacted communities when disaster strikes. As it currently stands, a disaster recovery volunteer program within the nontheistic community does not exist, and we are working hard to change that. While developing the infrastructure for this program, we are currently building our national database of volunteers who are ready and willing to help out should disaster strike. By filling out the form, volunteers are not making a commitment to FBB, but rather stating that you are willing to be contacted should a position open up for a role you may be able to fill.
- c. **Humanist Disaster Recovery (HDR) Network:** a network of bloggers and public figures who spread the word about our HDR efforts (Drive and Teams) on their blogs, social media, podcasts, or other outlets.