Beyond Belief Network (BBN) encourages and assists local groups of secular humanists, atheists, and other non-believers who serve their communities. The Network includes over 140 local free thought groups who transform compassionate humanism into concrete, positive actions in their community, through community volunteering and charitable fundraising. In March 2016, BBN teams across the United States and internationally reached the milestone of 100,000 hours of community service.

Foundation Beyond Belief assists Network groups with ideas and tips for service, planning events, and finding existing opportunities for service in their areas. Groups report their events to earn perks like t-shirts, grants for service activities, and national recognition. Individuals looking for volunteer opportunities can connect to local groups, seek advice on starting a group, or get ideas for volunteering as an individual.

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Humanist Grants, our first program, was created (based on scientific research data) in order to increase humanist philanthropy by providing a regular giving opportunity as part of a community with shared values. Donations are customizable among our four categories according to donor preferences. We do not retain any percentage of the designated beneficiary donations for our administrative costs.

Since 2010, Foundation Beyond Belief has provided over 200 grants and:
- raised awareness of humanist philanthropy
- enabled donors to easily give in alignment with their humanist values

Our featured beneficiaries each quarter are thoroughly-researched, carefully-selected secular charities who are working on causes that are important to humanists. We have a rigorous selection process to ensure each charity is secular, effective, sustainable, and relevant.

**Beneficiary Categories:**
- Poverty and Health
- Natural World
- Education
- Human Rights

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**Disaster Recovery**

**Humanist Disaster Recovery (HDR)** provides a focus for the humanist response to major disasters all over the world. FBB provides a) financial support to secular organizations working locally to meet the needs of recovering survivors and b) trained humanist volunteers to help recovering communities rebuild.

**Why recovery instead of response or relief?**

In emergency response, relief or response refers to the phase immediately after an event when the critical focus is on meeting basic needs to keep people alive: food, water, shelter, and medical treatment. This relatively short phase gets the most attention and donations due mostly to the international news coverage.

**So, what is recovery?**

Recovery is the transition to normalcy following the more brief disaster relief phase. Recovery activities include clearing debris, repairing or rebuilding infrastructure and buildings, and reopening schools and businesses. The need for support over the months and years of this phase continues long after the relief phase is over, but support decreases and eventually disappears as time passes.

Because of these factors, help is most needed during recovery, but the number of organizations focusing on disaster recovery is extremely low. Our disaster grants are used to benefit recovery efforts in the wake of a disaster in order focus humanist resources where they are most needed.

**FBB contributed 648 hours of service to our partner organization, providing almost $15,000 worth of donated time to the Denham Springs area of Louisiana in 2017.**

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**Service Corps**

**Humanist Service Corps (HSC)** Guided by the values of secular humanism, this unique program has achieved measurable results while incorporating sustainability and cultural responsibility. By emphasizing the skills volunteers bring to the program rather than the experience the program provides to the volunteer, we prioritize communities we aim to serve.

**Humanist Service Corps results:**

- Over 15 women reintegrated from “witch camps” into communities in Northern Ghana
- Design and implementation of a medical records system for Kukufo camp that is being replicated by the Ghanaian government in other communities
- Vocational training of six women through a sustainable model that will allow many other women to be trained in the future
- Extensive data and knowledge to plan and launch our next program phase

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**Building a national database of humanist volunteers who are ready and willing to help should disaster strike.**

**HDR provides continuing support to make a real difference in the lives of people affected by disaster.**

**HSC assists organizations and individuals to identify and improve their own knowledge and empowerment.**