DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF HAWAI'I

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY INVESTIGATION OF DISCONTINUANCE DONOR SERVICES GROUP, LLC.

WHEREAS, DAVID M. LOUIE, Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to his authority under sections 467B-9.3 and section 28-2, 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has conducted an investigation into certain practices of Donor Services Group, LLC;

WHEREAS, Donor Services Group, LLC, is a for-profit Limited Liability Corporation incorporated in the State of California.

WHEREAS, Donor Services Group, LLC, is a professional solicitor, as defined in section 467B-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that solicit contributions in the State for various charitable organizations in the United States;

WHEREAS, for 2010 and 2011, Donor Services Group, LLC, is and was registered as a professional solicitor with the Attorney General pursuant to sections 467B-2.5, and 12, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2011, Donor Services Group, LLC, responded to a subpoena issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Charitable Organizations, denying that it had employed any individuals who were convicted of felonies or misdemeanors involving dishonesty to solicit monetary contributions from Pennsylvania residents;

WHEREAS, Donor Services Group, LLC, resolved the disputed claims of hiring persons with criminal backgrounds through a Consent Agreement and Order which procedurally required them to either admit violations (including those it disputed) or expend significant sums of money to have the matter heard administratively, and then appeal;

WHEREAS, two (2) of the individuals set forth in the Pennsylvania Consent Agreement and Order are alleged to have engaged in charitable solicitation activity in and to the State of Hawaii;

WHEREAS, Donor Services Group, LLC's, employment of two (2) individuals who had been convicted of a felony, or of any misdemeanor involving dishonesty or arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or purpose, would be a prohibited practices under sections 467B-9(n), Hawaii Revised Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Attorney General accepts this Assurance of Voluntary Discontinuance by Donor Services Group, LLC, pursuant to section 467B-9.3(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes;
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, without a hearing and without any formal admission by Donor Services Group of any violation of law, by and between David M. Louie, Attorney General, State of Hawaii, by Hugh R. Jones, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, and Donor Services Group, LLC, as follows:

1. Within ninety (90) days after the execution of this Assurance, Donor Services Group, LLC, shall conduct a criminal background check on all current and prospective employees and shall refrain from employing any person to solicit who has been convicted by a court of any state or the United States of any felony, or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty or arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or purpose.

2. Beginning with the 2012 year, and for each year that Donor Services Group, LLC, is required to submit a renewal registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 467B-12, Donor Services Group, LLC, shall be prepared and fully knowledgeable of the facts so as to affirmatively state none of its employees who solicit in Hawaii have been convicted by a court of any state or the United States of a felony, or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty or arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or purpose. The statement shall be signed by a person authorized to sign documents on behalf of Donor Services Group, LLC, under penalties of perjury pursuant to section 710-1062 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3. Donor services Group, LLC, shall pay to the Attorney General the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00) within thirty (30) days after execution of this Assurance, made payable to the Hawaii Director of Finance.

4. Donor Services Group, LLC shall otherwise comply with the provisions of chapter 467B, HRS.

5. This Assurance shall be binding on Donor Services Group, LLC, its successors and assigns, employees, agents, corporate successors and another individual through whom it acts.

6. Donor Services Group, LLC, agrees that a violation of this Assurance shall be deemed prima facie proof of a violation of unfair trade practices pursuant to section 480-2 and section 467B-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statues in any civil proceeding hereafter commenced.

7. This assurance shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto. This Assurance cannot be changed or modified except in a writing duly executed by the parties hereto.

8. The person signing this Assurance on behalf of Donor Services Group, LLC, represents that he is authorized to sign it on behalf of the corporation.

9. It is further understood and agreed that the acceptance of this Assurance by the Attorney General shall not be deemed or construed as approval by the Attorney General of any
activities of Donor Services Group, LLC, and it shall not make any representation to the contrary.

WHEREFORE, the following signatures are affixed this 24th day of July, 2012.

DAVID M. LOUIE
Attorney General

By: ________

Hugh R. Jones
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

DONOR SERVICES GROUP, LLC

By: ________