# SUPPORTING OUR "STAR" CHARITIES



The California Eastern Star Foundation is the nonprofit corporation of the Grand Chapter of California. Its purpose is to receive gifts, bequests, and contributions for the furtherance of educational, charitable, and scientific purposes.

We at the Foundation have taken the meaning of our mission to heart. We know that some families have to choose between food and medicine because they cannot afford to purchase both. Some have to choose between sending a child to college or caring for an elderly parent. Some are battling a life threatening disease while worrying about how to pay their next medical bill. The Foundation has a variety of resources available to you that are often overlooked.

These funds are here to assist you when you need them. As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, you, as well as members of your family, may be eligible to receive help. As you read this brochure, please keep these resources in mind if you need assistance.

There are also funds established to help others find answers and treatments. We provide annual donations to a charitable nonprofit organization of the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron's choice engaged in the following:

> Cancer Research Fund Heart Research Fund Medical Research Fund

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, we provide scholarship awards to students who are graduating high school or desire to continue or complete their higher education. The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000 for students attending a four-year college or university and \$250 to \$1000 for students attending community college or vocational school.

Scholarships are awarded based on scholastic record, character, need and the purpose and requirement for higher education. Scholarships are awarded in the following areas:

General Scholarships

Majors in Business Administration or Engineering Gerald P. Cashion Memorial Fund Scholarships June Lucretia Barnum, PGM, Memorial Scholarship Music Scholarships

> Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership: ESTARL

#### **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Foundation has established a Scholarship Endowment Fund using donations for scholarships. The income from these donations sustains this scholarship fund into the future.



# CANCER PATIENT ASSISTANCE & THEIR FAMILIES

We provide assistance to members battling cancer and their immediate family members. The Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund and the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund are available not only for members who have been diagnosed with cancer, but some aid is also available for cancer sufferers within a member's immediate family, such as a spouse or child, as long as there is not an application with the other Cancer Fund at the same time.

Any member or their minor child diagnosed with cancer may qualify to receive up to \$15,000 in assistance from each fund to help subsidize expenses directly related to the treatment of cancer. An immediate family member may receive up to \$7,500 in assistance from each fund.



The Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program provides for patient comfort items to help make them more comfortable. Through various nonprofit organizations, these items make a long-lasting positive impact on each individual.

#### **EMERGENCY RELIEF**

When disaster strikes, life suddenly changes. Routines are shattered, property may be destroyed and jobs may be lost. These funds are given through the Foundation to help members who have been through a disaster such as fire, flood, earthquake or other life event. In providing emergency relief, our goal is to help Eastern Star members get back on their feet as quickly as possible.

## THE BENEVOLENT FUND

The Benevolent Fund has been established to help members in good standing or their dependent families who are in need of short-term financial assistance for one-time unexpected expenses.

The Benevolent Fund provides relief for needy members in good standing who have been in California Eastern Star for a minimum of five (5) years or their families who are dependent on them for support. Members in need must contact the Benevolent Fund Chair, fill out a form and submit it to the Benevolent Fund for assistance. There is a lifetime benefit cap for this assistance. Applications for assistance from the Benevolent Fund may be made on behalf of a member by a Chapter Relief Committee or directly by a member. All applications for relief that come through the chapter shall be under the seal of the chapter, upon forms provided by the Grand Chapter.

The Disaster Fund provides aid to members for relief from earthquake, flood, fire or other catastrophic disasters.

#### **EASTERN STAR HOME**

We help support the Eastern Star Home in Yorba Linda CA, a 501(c)(3) that provides members of the Order of the Eastern Star a desirable quality of life in their senior years by assisting in housing, health care and related services in a secure, loving and respectful atmosphere. Each resident can enjoy the quiet comforts of independent living, participate in our active retirement community, or both. At the Senior Living Community (SLC), the door is always open for creating a lifestyle that is rich, rewarding and one of a kind, just like you.

#### **STARCARE**

StarCARE responds to requests for assistance from members. Upon receipt of a request for assistance, StarCARE personnel investigate the request and determine the appropriate committee, charity, or organization to which to refer the request. StarCARE personnel provide the necessary contact information to the requester. If the requester is referred to a California Eastern Star charity, StarCARE directs a report to the committee or charity. StarCARE personnel may also refer to an outside organization regarding any request.

#### **DONATIONS**

If you are interested in supporting our charities, donations of any amount are encouraged and welcomed! Please make your checks payable to the California Eastern Star Foundation. If you have a specific focus, please indicate your desired purpose on the memo line and we will make sure your gift is applied in the area you request.

Your tax-deductible donation should be sent to 16960 E. Bastanchury Road, Suite C, Yorba Linda CA 92886-1711.

#### **SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY**

16850 Bastanchury Rd. Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1608

(714) 577-9281

Email: info@easternstarhomes.org

**STARCARE** (800) 567-CARE or (800) 567-2273

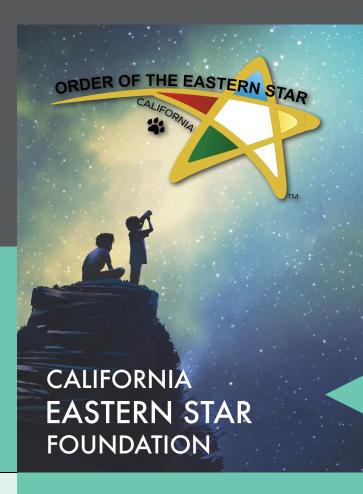


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