



TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

Collective action for global gender equality

Chapter Donations Policy

Together Women Rise harnesses the power of collective giving. Individual donations from Rise chapters across the U.S. are combined to support our mission to achieve global gender equality. All donations are combined and used to fund:

- our grants and partnerships
- our member learning and engagement opportunities
- support for both new and existing chapters
- a highly competent and experienced staff to carry out Rise's mission
- administrative expenses required to manage and sustain the organization in a high-impact manner

While giving is an important part of our chapter model, all Together Women Rise chapters are expected to adhere to the following donation principles in order to ensure a consistent member experience across all chapters:

- **There are no membership dues and no minimum donation required to be part of a Together Women Rise chapter.**
- We ask members to give what they choose knowing we value all contributions and levels of giving.
- There are many ways that a member can contribute to Rise (giving, volunteering, advocating, etc.). **Donating is not a requirement to be a part of our community.** While we hope that all chapter members will be inspired to give, individuals are welcome to participate in Rise chapters and other activities *even if they do not donate.*

Chapter Leader Role in Fundraising

The chapter leader role is:

- to **invite** and **inspire** their chapter members to contribute to Rise's mission
- to **inform** their chapter members about the various ways that they can support Rise's mission (both financial and otherwise) including monthly recurring gifts and our annual appeal
- to **collect** donations made at their chapter meetings
- to **submit** all donations to Rise's national office, as outlined in the organization's [Donations Handling Guidelines](#)

Chapter leaders cannot:

- **require** a chapter member to give as a condition of participation in the chapter
- **require** a chapter member to give a set amount or in a specific manner
- **solicit** specific donation amounts from members or others (outside of approved chapter fundraisers)



A chapter leader may, on occasion, identify or become aware of a chapter member, individual or company that could be interested in supporting Rise at a higher level (i.e. becoming a Founders' Circle member or a major donor). **Chapter leaders are asked to provide this information to Rise staff who are professionals in nonprofit fund development and are solely responsible for soliciting specific donations and cultivating donors.**

Chapter leaders are asked to contact our CEO, [Beverley Francis-Gibson](#), or our Development Director, [Kaitlyn Grigsby-Hall](#).

Chapter Fundraisers

Rise chapters *may* choose to hold or conduct a special fundraising event or activity to support Rise's mission – outside of their monthly chapter meetings. Chapter fundraisers are not required, but can be a successful and fun way to support our mission, while also building connections and community within and across chapters.

As a registered, 501(c)(3) organization, Together Women Rise must adhere to all applicable nonprofit fundraising and tax laws. Since chapter leaders are representatives of our organization, it is essential that they follow all fundraising guidelines set by Rise, which are intended to ensure our full compliance with laws and regulations. Failure to do so could have a negative impact on the organization and its nonprofit status.

Chapters are required to:

- Receive prior approval from Rise's national office for any fundraising event or activity, by submitting [this form](#).
- Adhere to all of Rise's [Chapter Fundraising Guidelines](#).
- Receive prior approval for using the Rise logo in any way.
- Cooperate and work with Rise staff, as appropriate.

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