



To all great causes and organizations,

We at Gooseberries have been and always will be dedicated to the Burlington community and the surrounding communities that we are very fortunate to serve. Over the past year, many things have had an impact on budgets, fund raising, and great causes. The request for donations we receive is about 10 to 20 a week. This averages to 600 to 700 a year. We have done our best to do as much as we can for all causes. We have reached our limit and we have started a new process for donations. We still ask for all requests at least 10 days prior to the event. Any donation request within 10 days of the event will most likely be refused automatically except for those with unusual circumstances. Once the request has been submitted, we now will be doing the following;

- We start with all Burlington requests first and assess the cause and/or reason for the donation
- Then, we look to see if we at Gooseberries are involved with the event from a purchasing standpoint.
- We then look to the surrounding communities requests
- We look at the institutions first (Schools, Churches, etc, etc)
- Organizations; what is the role for the community it serves?
- Organizations; is it school based, church based, group based?
- Is the fundraising for groups and trips for humanitarian reasons?

These are just some of the criteria to measure a donation request but certainly it is not all. Based on all of this information, this gives you an idea of what we look at when making a decision. We will not do individual donation requests (beauty pageants, trips for individuals, sickness fund raisers for individuals). All of these are great causes and for that we can not pick just one individual over another.

We are supporters of Love Inc. and do many events with them directly. We very seldom join in with other individuals looking to fund raisers when it benefits Love Inc because we already do so much directly with them throughout the year.

We will call no later than the Wednesday before your event, if indeed we are able to grant your request. We will do our best to do as much as we can within our ability to grant as many requests as we can.

Sincerely and very grateful for your cause and all you do,

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