



MDRT Charity Week Fundraisers

Overview

Charity/Jeans Week fundraisers, among the many ways in which MDRT gives back to the community, benefit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that have special meaning to the staff who suggest them as recipient organizations. Each beneficiary organization is proposed by an MDRT employee, who forwards a written recommendation to the Human Resources (HR) department, describing the not-for-profit's personal impact on him or her. HR, in turn, verifies the entity's 501(c)(3) status to satisfy MDRT criteria.

As part of the week-long fundraisers, staffers may opt to wear gym shoes or flip-flops (formerly jeans) to work, in exchange for \$5 donations to the featured charity each day they wear them during the week. Staff donations (cash, checks and online contributions) are tallied by HR after the fundraising week, and MDRT and the MDRT Foundation match all 501(c)(3) staff donations.

Fundraiser Results: Current Year and Program To-Date

The following pages summarize combined MDRT Charity Week/Jeans Week results since the program's inception in late-2012, itemized by staff and total contributions. Rounding out its seventh year with the successful completion of our **27th fundraiser**, Charity Weeks collectively have generated **\$92,896 to-date**, including \$31,732 from direct staff contributions and matching funds from MDRT and the MDRT Foundation.⁽¹⁾



2019					
Dates	Organization	What they do	Suggested by	Staff donations	Total donation
Apr. 8-12	Humble Hearts	A humanitarian 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to working with the homeless and families in low-income, disadvantaged communities. Humble Hearts recycles clothing, furniture, food, household needs, personal items, toys, books and school supplies to people in need.	Program Coordinator, Katy Przybytek	\$1,420	\$4,260
Jul. 22-26	Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)	The nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure for sarcoidosis and improving patient care. Sarcoidosis is a little-known inflammatory, autoimmune disease characterized by the formation of granulomas in one or more organs of the body that can interfere with the organ's structure and function.	CEO, Steve Stahr	\$1,375	\$4,125
Nov. 18-22	Literacy DuPage	Provides tutors to the more than 100,000 residents in DuPage County who need help improving their English-language skills. A registered 501(c)(3) non-profit community-based organization, Literacy DuPage relies on financial support from individuals and organizations in order to grow so they can reach every person who needs assistance.	Content Specialist, Antoinette Tuscano	\$ 745	\$2,235
		Total: 2019		\$3,540	\$10,620
2018					
Mar. 19-23	Love INC	Works with local churches to help families in need by providing donated furniture and other household items; provides assistance with clothing, financial counseling, household repairs, household starter kits, baby showers and more.	Program Production Coordinator, Jeff Jones	\$1,345	\$4,035



Jun. 4-8	FRAXA Research Foundation	Funds efforts through research grants and fellowships to find effective treatments and ultimately a cure for Fragile X syndrome -- a genetic condition that causes intellectual disability, behavioral and learning challenges and impacts various physical characteristics -- to help people affected by autism, Alzheimer's and other brain disorders.	Fund Development Associate, Caryn Henning	\$1,575	\$ 4,725
Sept. 17-21	Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network	A collaborative membership organization dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by domestic violence through education, public policy and advocacy and the connection of community members to direct service providers.	Executive Director MDRT Foundation, Michele Stauff	\$1,720	\$5,160
Dec. 17-21	Camp One Step by Children's Oncology Services	Provides empowering, supportive, educational and fun experiences for children, aged 5-19, who have been diagnosed with cancer. They are the only local organization to offer 11 different programs throughout the year serving children and families throughout the Midwest.	Program Assistant, Sue Armanetti	\$1,225	\$3,675
		Total: 2018		\$5,865	\$17,595
2017					
Mar. 27-31	Power Packs	Assembles and provides backpacks filled with toiletries and personal items for children who enter shelters without the comforts of home and with few possessions they can call their own.	Project Coordinator, Julianna Chaparro	\$1,085	\$ 3,255
Sept. 18-22	Project Child Save	A non-profit charitable organization of ex-Marines, Navy Seals and Special Ops military that finds and rescues children who have been taken from their homes and sold into sex trafficking.	Senior Director, Human Resources, Laura Good	\$1,160	\$ 3,480



Nov. 13-17	The Night Ministry	Provides housing, health care and human connection to members of the community struggling with poverty or homelessness.	Programs Manager, Barb Schell	\$1,050	\$ 3,150
Dec. 11-15	Project H.O.O.D. (Helping Others Obtain Destiny)	Equips youth, adults and families with the guidance, skills, tools and experiences they need to become peacemakers, problem-solvers, leaders and entrepreneurs in their communities, and successful, healthy and upwardly mobile members of society.	Programs and Services Assistant, Suzanne Henn	\$1,320	\$ 3,960
		Total: 2017		\$4,615	\$13,845
2016					
Mar. 28 - Apr. 1	Apna Ghar	Provides holistic services and conducts advocacy across immigrant communities to end gender violence.	Meetings Manager, Shalini D'Souza	\$1,030	\$ 3,090
Jun. 20-24	Operation Support Our Troops- America	Provides comfort and care at home and away to active-duty military, military families and veterans across the United States. Founded in 2003, one of the largest volunteer-based military support organizations in the country.	Member Services Processing Manager, Kathy Angelini	\$1,180	\$ 3,540
Oct. 31 – Nov. 4	The Hero Initiative	The first federally chartered not-for-profit corporation dedicated to helping comic book creators in need, creating a financial safety net and an avenue back into paying work.	Mail/Stock Clerk, Rob Mikrut	\$1,175	\$ 3,525
		Total: 2016		\$3,385	\$10,155⁽²⁾
2015					
Feb. 16-20	Skin Cancer Foundation	The only international organization devoted solely to education, prevention, early detection and prompt treatment of the world's most common cancer.	Meetings Manager, Diane Waligurski	\$1,290	\$ 3,870



May 11-15	Salute Inc.	Delivers short-term financial assistance to bridge temporary income gaps and meet the basic needs of post-9/11 veterans.	Director, Meeting Services, Jeanne Malone	\$1,285	\$ 3,855
Aug. 17-21	DuPage Pads	Provides interim and permanent housing and support services to end homelessness.	Program Planner, Audra Kubilius	\$1,030	\$ 3,090
Nov. 16-20	Joubert Syndrome and Related Disorders Foundation (JSRDF)	Provides support, education and research globally to parents and families of Joubert syndrome, a rare autosomal recessive genetic disorder that affects the cerebellum, an area of the brain that controls balance and coordination.	Administrative Specialist, Maureen Gallagher	\$1,295	\$ 3,885
		Total: 2015		\$4,900	\$14,700
2014					
Feb. 17-21	The Harbour Inc.	Provides emergency shelter, transitional living and counseling to homeless, runaway, locked-out and neglected youth in Chicago's north and northwest suburbs.	Human Resources Generalist, Naadia Chaudhry	\$1,020	\$ 3,060
Apr. 12-16	Gigi's Playhouse	Through Down syndrome achievement centers, individuals with Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools and communities.	Marketing Coordinator, Nicole Hunter	\$1,125	\$ 3,375
Aug. 11-15	The Children of Shari & Bram Fund	Provides the gift of financial support and peace of mind to Shari's surviving family, while keeping the enduring legacy of Shari and Bram alive and well for years to come.	Website Coordinator, Zach Mory	\$1,500	\$ 3,000*
Nov. 17-21	I Want to Make It Fund	Benefits children of patients at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences Systems, Hematology and Oncology departments; raises funds to provide much-needed school supplies, books, after-hour fees, transportation and toys for children of patients with cancer or blood diseases.	Production Coordinator, Tony Pittman	\$1,160	\$ 3,480
		Total: 2014		\$4,805	\$12,915



2013					
Mar. 2013	JDRF	Mission is to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research.	Program Support Associate, Traci LoBello	\$ 1,102	\$ 3,306
Jul. 2013	Colleen's Dream Foundation	Arizona's leading ovarian cancer nonprofit, based on Colleen Drury's story, works to help others learn the signs and join their mission to advance ovarian cancer research.	Digital Media Manager, Liana Blum	\$ 800	\$ 1,600
Aug. 12-16	Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation	A non-profit pediatric cancer foundation striving to brighten the lives of children with cancer.	Director, Member Services, Tom Ensign	\$ 700	\$ 2,100
Oct. 14-18	American Heart Association	The nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke by funding innovative research, fighting for stronger public health policies and providing critical tools and information to save and improve lives.		\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
		Total: 2013		\$ 3,602	\$10,006
2012					
Dec. 3-7, 2012	HAVE Dreams	Chicago-area autism resource organization, serving more than 23 communities with programs for children, teens and young adults impacted by autism.	MDRT Holiday Committee	\$ 1,020	\$ 3,060
		Total: 2012		\$ 1,020	\$ 3,060
		TOTAL: Program-to-Date		\$31,732	\$92,896

- (1) MDRT's August 11-15, 2014, fundraiser recipient was not a 501(c)(3) entity; as a result, staff donations were matched by MDRT, but not by the Foundation.
- (2) There were only three Jeans Week fundraisers in 2016, averaging \$3,385 per fundraiser.