



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Friends of the Foundation?

A: Friends of the Foundation is a way for a law firm, legal department, corporate office, group of friends, or professional network group to raise crucial emergency funding to support the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and its 2020 grantmaking and other assistance to a wide range of legal aid nonprofits.

Our mission: Through programs, grants, and partnerships, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation removes barriers to justice, engages the community in support of civil legal aid, and builds system-wide capacity in order to strengthen the provision of quality legal services and to ensure that all individuals understand their rights to equal justice under law.

Q: When does this take place?

A: Anytime! You pick the day, week, or month before December 31, 2020 that works best for your group. (Donations that arrive before or after your designated date(s) are still “counted” in your group’s total.)

Q: What do we do when we participate?

A: People in your group or social circles donate \$5 or more to support emergency relief for civil legal aid in Philadelphia. Friends of the Foundation can be combined with already scheduled virtual events or can be held on its own.

Q: How do I sign-up?

A: You can quickly register yourself as a team captain [register a Team Captain online](#) to let us know you'll be participating. Just provide your contact information and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation will contact you to assist with preparation!

Q: How do the participants make the charitable donations?

A: Individual participants [donate online at this link](#) and “register” as a Friend of the Foundation.



Q: Are donations tax deductible?

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Q: How do I know who my Team Captain is?

A: Your law firm, legal department, corporate office, group of friends, or professional network group will have designated a Team Captain as the liaison between your group and the Bar Foundation.

Q: What other decisions do we need to make?

A: Pick a day, week, or month to do Friends of the Foundation fundraising. Decide whether to combine the fundraiser with an already scheduled event. Then recruit your group to participate! We'll provide the email templates, social media posts and graphics!

Q: How can I increase participation?

A: Advertise your participation in Friends of the Foundation online in any way that works for you! Sample email and social media posts are available on our website. Share your participation by taking screen shots with a group on Zoom, taking selfies, or using our premade graphics and posting on social media.

Q: Does the team captain need to keep a list of participants?

A: No! Since the campaign is completely virtual, the team captain does not need to manually keep track of any participants.

Have more questions? [Learn more about Friends of the Foundation](#) and feel free to contact [Colleen Byrne](#) at the Philadelphia Bar Foundation!