



CSA SERVES Introduction

The CSA SERVES program enables lodges to select the charities, groups, or causes to which they donate and volunteer, whether they are large or small. Many lodges have chosen local groups to support, which has proven an excellent way to build CSA Fraternal Life's recognition and presence in communities across the United States.

In recent years, we have had to adapt to how we can donate our time. The world has changed in that today, volunteers are carefully screened beforehand or politely rejected as a matter of policy. Additionally, former projects like Habitat for Humanity, Planting Gardens, etc., are now too physically demanding for many members. For these reasons, it is so important for our lodges to continue supporting the charitable organizations they have established relationships. The local food pantries, centers, shelters, and so on are so thankful for your help. The numerous thank-you cards and phone calls that we receive at our Home Office are a testament to that fact.

As of 2021, we have decided to allow animal-based organizations (such as the ASPCA, local animal shelters, etc.) because we firmly believe that pets are beneficial to humans, happiness, and healing.

Wherever you choose to donate your time and money, we wish you the best of luck and "happy giving" during the year 2026.

"The secret to happiness is helping others."

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Deegan'.

Kelly Deegan
Fraternal Programs Manager
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Sample letters and forms will be posted on CSA's website under "Member Forms" after January 1st. Please send your requests for matching funds to the Home Office by **December 1, 2026**.



CSA SERVES Rules and Requirements

You must make a minimum monetary donation of \$50 or volunteer for at least 10 hours (at \$2.50 per person per volunteer hour) for CSA to send a matching fund check for **no less than \$25**. As was done in previous years, if you make small contributions to one group throughout the year, you should consolidate them until they total \$50. **Maximum Home Office matching for donations or volunteer hours is \$1,500 per lodge.**

- Requests for matching funds must be RECEIVED by the Home Office By **December 1st**. Requests submitted or postmarked after that date will not be matched. No exceptions.
- It is not necessary to advise the Home Office of your selection(s). You may choose any number of groups to support. Remember the \$50 minimum donation to each.
- The Sample Letter and Volunteer Hour Log in this packet can be found on CSA's website. Both are now fillable online.
- Requests for matching funds must be submitted by the lodge to the Fraternal Department. Donations listed on the President's Report Form will not be considered official notification. You must submit a separate request.
- Please provide documentation of donations (such as copies of checks, thank-you cards, etc.) when applicable.

Any questions? Call the Fraternal Department at
800-779-1936 or email
kdeegan@betterlifeins.com.



CSA SERVES – Volunteer Hours Log

CSA Fraternal Life
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Lombard, IL 60148

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Lodge: _____ No: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



CSA SERVES Donation Form

On _____, 20____

Lodge _____ # _____

Of CSA Fraternal Life donated \$ _____ either in supplies or as a monetary gift to the
Following charity or community organization:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This donation amount or approximate value is acknowledged by:

Signed Name _____

Title _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____





Attn:

Dear Friends:

CSA Fraternal Life is a fraternal benefit society with a long history of charitable and community service projects to its credit. Our annual initiative CSA SERVES encourages lodges to support one or more local charities of our choice. Our donations are matched by our Home Office at 50%. Additionally, volunteer work that we contribute to our charity of choice is valued at \$2.50 per hour per volunteer with the compensation paid directly to that organization.

Our Lodge _____ # _____ has chosen to support your organization with the enclosed donation of \$ _____ to use as you see fit. A copy of this letter is sent to the Fraternal Department of CSA Fraternal Life for their matching funds donation which will be sent directly to you.

We are pleased to help support such a worthy cause as yours and wish you much success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Lodge Secretary

Encl.

cc: Fraternal Programs Manager,
CSA Fraternal Life

