

# Reason to Give

## Introduction

### What is Reason to Give?

We often hear from well-meaning people that while they'd love to do something, they: "don't know where to start," "feel overwhelmed as just one person" or "simply don't have time to volunteer." Harnessing the power of consumerism for the forces of good, Reason to Give organizes the needs of the Humboldt Park community into simple, 1-click purchases, allowing people anywhere in the world to make a real difference with their dollar.



FIREBELLY FOUNDATION

Reason to Give is a program of the Firebelly Foundation. The Firebelly Foundation is under fiscal agency with Faith in Place, a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

**We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, identity, sexual orientation, disability, religious or political beliefs. We believe each of these traits is what makes us unique individuals.**

**Tell us about your need, big or small. If you qualify, we will post your story on our website. And while there is no guarantee, we will do our best to match you with our big-hearted shoppers.**

The recipients who have their need met will receive professional services and/or new, brand name items. While Reason To Give loves recycling, garage sales and thrift stores, we believe strongly that our website should provide sustainable, high quality items that are safe for the environment and built to last.

Reason To Give doesn't know every person and every need in Humboldt Park, that's why it's so important we connect with you directly and hear your story. We want this to be an authentic and positive experience for all our participants. To help us get to know you better and evaluate your need, Reason To Give created a simple to understand application.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. How do I apply for help?

Fill out the following application. Copies of the application can be downloaded from [reasontogive.com](http://reasontogive.com) or mailed to you by calling 773-489-3439.

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. The more details you can give us, the better. If you need help completing this application, please contact us at 773-489-3439.

#### Return the application to:

Firebelly Foundation  
2701 W Thomas Ave  
2nd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60622

If your application is accepted, we will conduct a videotaped face-to-face interview which will be available on our website. It is important that you are willing to participate in this process as it is mandatory.

You will need to provide verification of your story. Verification is explained in the application form.

### 2. Who is eligible?

Families, businesses, organizations, and individuals residing or owning a business or organization in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago.

One application per family, individual, company or organization please.

### 3. May I apply for someone else?

Yes, you may apply for/nominate someone else. To do so, please answer the application questions as they relate to the party in need of assistance.

### 4. When can I hope to receive help?

ReasonToGive.com will be launched online in December 2007. We will do our best to promote the website so your story can be met as soon as possible. Naturally, we cannot guarantee every individual or group's needs will be met.

You will be featured on our website for up to one year. As your need reaches its deadline, you will be prioritized with the hope we can fulfill all needs by their given deadline.

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**If you are looking for immediate assistance, please contact the Illinois Department of Human Services at 1-800-843-6154 or your local congregation.**

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## Application For Individuals & Families

Thank you for applying to the Reason to Give program. This application is intended so that we can learn more about what you or someone you're nominating may need.

**Contact us at 773-489-3439 with any questions you may have regarding the process or for help with the application.**

**I am nominating another party.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete each section for yourself or the person or family you are nominating.

### Tell Us About Yourself

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a minor (under 17), please give us your parent or guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

### Tell Us How to Reach You

If you are homeless and consider Humboldt Park *home*, please give us a way to contact you.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred spoken language? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred written language? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tell Us About Your Family

List ALL members (including yourself). Use an additional sheet if necessary.

Name	Relationship	Birthday	Occupation
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____

Does anyone in your household have a disability? If so, please explain.

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Are you, or any of your family members pregnant?

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Did anyone in your home recently leave a job or lose a job? Is anyone on strike from a job?

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Do you currently have a Illinois LINK Card?

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Are you or any members of your family involved with any volunteer or charity work?

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Do you belong to a religious congregation within Humboldt Park?

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**Household Yearly Income**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Under \$10,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 – \$20,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,000 – \$40,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40,000 – \$60,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60,000 +

**Average Monthly Expenses?** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please share any unusual financial situation or other circumstance which could aid in our understanding of you and this application.

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**Tell Us Your Story**

On a separate sheet of paper, please summarize your story and need. What is life like for you on a daily basis, and what are you hoping for to make it better? What makes you or your family (or the person you're nominating) unique, special, and deserving? What is it that you need?

What does Humboldt Park mean to you? How do you feel about your neighborhood?

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## Verification

1. Are you a U.S. Citizen? (If you are not a U.S. Citizen, you are still eligible to qualify). \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are selected, will you be able to provide tax returns for the last three years? If not, why?

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**I certify the information on this application is correct.** Please sign below.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

I am not comfortable being filmed.

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You will hear back from us as soon as we can process your application. Most times that can be as little as 48 hours. If you are selected, we will set up a time to schedule the video interview.

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DATE RECEIVED

RECEIVED BY

INTERVIEW DATE

DATE POSTED ONLINE

EXPIRATION DATE