

Donation Policy

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Overview

Touchstone has greatly benefited from and appreciates past donations for community projects such as pathway lighting through our main walkway, a rain garden to the east of our common house, and necessary soundproofing in our common house main dining area. These guidelines describe the expectations of both the donor and the community in reviewing and accepting both monetary and in-kind donations by Touchstone residents.

- The project or item must have community buy in and agreement before proceeding. This includes providing an opportunity for the community to review the project, ask questions, and express any concerns. Any objections to the project must be addressed and resolved before proceeding.
- Donor(s) agree to work collaboratively with the community to select and/or design, develop, and construct the project or item. The donor is not entitled to control over future maintenance or disposal once the donation is complete.
- Donor(s) will not accrue any financial or other benefits beyond what the entire community enjoys.
- Donations of items should be submitted to the relevant committee for review. For example, a used couch or rug for the common house; a bench or tree for grounds. When it is not clear what committee should review the donation, route to Steering, which can then determine the appropriate committee.
- Monetary donations for major projects should initially be submitted to the relevant committee unless a donor wishes to remain anonymous, in which case they may contact Finance & Legal Committee members. Finance & Legal will make every effort to keep the donor(s)' identity confidential. Finance & Legal will then pass along the anonymous donor request to the relevant committee for review and for the committee to bring to plenary, as needed.
- All completed projects as well as donated items become the property of the entire community.

Disclaimer: Donations are not tax deductible. The Touchstone Association does not qualify as a non-profit charitable organization.