



CARING4COMMUNITY OFFICIAL RULES

1. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN
2. ELIGIBILITY – To be eligible to win the Charitable Contribution, a qualified charity must:
 - Be recognized as a 501(c)(3) public nonprofit as of **February 1, 2024**;
 - Have a mission to support youth and families;
 - Be available for selection – respond to communication from *South Mississippi Smiles* and provide materials requested to support voting process;
 - Not be a recipient of previous promotions;
 - Be located in Mississippi and in the following counties: *Hancock, Harrison, Jackson*.
 - A CHARITY MAY BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE BY SPONSOR'S SOLE DISCRETION, IF THE CHARITY:
 - Is a politically affiliated non-profit;
 - Spends a significant amount of time advancing a political party or candidate or supporting lobbying for any particular party, candidate, or cause.
 - Participates in the promotion, or otherwise conducts itself, in an unsportsmanlike or inappropriate manner;
 - Discriminates against any race, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, political orientation, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, or mental or physical disability or condition;
 - Violates these official rules.
3. NOMINATION – There will be a total of one (1) nomination period for each campaign. Participants may nominate qualified organizations from **February 16, 2024 to February 23, 2024**. Nominations must be cast and received by 5:00 CST on **February 23, 2024**. Total votes during nomination process will be the primary consideration for choosing which nine (9) charities move from nomination to voting process, but final decision is at the discretion of *South Mississippi Smiles*, with the intent to adequately represent all locations and communities served. To move forward from nomination to voting, an eligible Charity must:
 - ☐ Respond by 12:00pm CST on **February 26, 2024**.
 - ☐ Provide a primary point of contact to receive promotional brand kit.
 - ☐ Provide charity logo, website, and blurb for voting page.
4. VOTING – There will be a total of one (1) voting period for each campaign. Participants may vote for qualified organizations from **February 28, 2024 to March 15, 2024**. Votes must be cast and received by 5:00 CST on **March 15, 2024**. All votes must be cast and received on the official *South Mississippi Smiles* landing page.
5. CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION – The qualifying charity that receives the most votes during the voting period will be eligible to win: 1) \$2,500 for first place, 2) \$1,500 for second place, or 3) \$1,000 for third place. Payment will be provided in the form of a check once the following conditions are met:
 - ☐ Respond to winner announcement by 5:00pm **March 20, 2024**.
 - ☐ Provide an up to date W9 form
 - ☐ Agree to participate in a public check hand-off at *South Mississippi Smiles's* location most convenient to organization's central office.
6. DECISIONS – The winning organization will be announced on social media and contacted by email. Decisions by *South Mississippi Smiles* regarding nominations and winners will be conclusive on all matters. By participating in this promotion, participants agree to abide by and be bound by these official rules and to accept the decisions of *South Mississippi Smiles* as final. Participants also agree to hold *South Mississippi Smiles* and each of its representatives and agents harmless from any liability arising from participation in this promotion and/or the acceptance of any charitable contribution. *South Mississippi Smiles* is not responsible for lost or incomplete votes or nominations, whether due to system errors or other malfunctions. *South Mississippi Smiles* may prohibit a participant from participating in the Promotion if, at its sole discretion, it determines that said participant is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Promotion by cheating, hacking, or other unfair playing processes such as excessive repeated voting.