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Researching a Non-Profit Organization

Directions: Answer the following questions below to the best of your ability using the nonprofit’s website or the Magnified Giving Qualified NPOs page. Highlight information that you cannot locate. On a separate piece of paper keep notes on information that you will need to ask the contact at the nonprofit organization.

Navigation options:

#1 Magnified Giving’s Website:

Go to: www.mgprograms.org

Click on the link at the top of the webpage that says “Qualified NPOs”

Explore by location and social cause, if you see a nonprofit’s name that means that they have been asked to register by another school. If you see “**APP**” next to their name that means that they have been asked to fill out a grant application—explore and see what the nonprofit’s mission is, what they might do with \$1,000, etc.

#2 Simple Google Search

No matter the route you take, you are looking for organizations in YOUR area that deal with the social cause that you have selected. Last year 51 NEW organizations were given \$1,000 because students like you learned about them. If you find an organization that interests you, make sure they are a 501(c)3 registered nonprofit organization, if you don’t know—ask or find out!

Name of NPO:

Date Founded:

1. What is their mission or purpose:

2. How does this organization make an impact on your chosen social cause? Be specific.

Consider the following questions, answer at least 2 questions per category.

3. Board of Directors: How many people does this nonprofit have on their board? What are the backgrounds of the people on their board of directors? How do you think this impacts the organization? Do you have any questions about the board for the organization?
4. Program: Do they have volunteer opportunities? What challenges does this organization face? How many people do they serve? Who do they serve (what demographic: kids, the elderly, women, men, etc.)?
5. Financial: Locate the 990—a tax document that shows the government how they spend their money. For your chosen organization, often found on their website. OR Utilize the [Grant Application](#) on the Magnified Giving website. What is their budget? How much do they spend annually? What are they spending their budget on (i.e. programs, staff)? How would the nonprofit use \$1000?
6. Volunteering: Can we volunteer? Do they have a volunteer coordinator? If not, is there an off-site project, fundraiser, or advocacy that you can do for this organization? How many volunteers do they rely on each year?

7. Would you like to consider this nonprofit organization as one of the organizations that you continue to research? Why, or why not?
