

Living Endowment Fund Committee

Composition: 1 member

Chairman

One interested member should be appointed to head the Living Endowment Fund in your chapter, whose name should be given to the AMBUCS™ Resource Center. This program needs to be sold every year, and it takes working with it to become familiar with the proper procedures. It is recommended the same chairman be appointed each year . . . as long as they want it and remain effective.

Purpose

Contributions from individual AMBUCS™ members as well as from chapters, support the National Programs (AmBility™, the Cornerstone Fund and AMBUCS™ Scholars) through the Living Endowment Fund. Each member and chapter contributing to this fund receive immeasurable satisfaction from helping to create independence for people with disabilities.

Contributions

Chapter Giving

So that all Living Endowment Giving can be properly reported, all donations must be directed to a National program. The programs are:

1. AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists
2. AmBility™-AmTryke® therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities
3. Cornerstone-Growth and development

Living Endowment Giving Goal

The annual goal of forty dollars per member is based on the chapters February 28th Blue Chip Report. That means that the number of members the chapter has is multiplied by \$40 to set your chapter goal. In March of each year, treasurers receive a statement showing all contributions to date, and how much is needed to achieve their 100% goal.

To meet the challenge and be recognized as 100% Living Endowment Giving, the chapter must send in their contribution by May 15th. Bonus scorecard points are awarded if the chapter is 100% by April 15th.

The Living Endowment Goal can be met via several means. Some chapters build their contributions into their regular membership dues (see sample chapter budget). Simply divide the \$40 by 12 months (or four quarters) and add that amount to your chapter billing.

Living Endowment chapters at the national conference and receive a banner medallion award for each year they receive this distinction. Over 80% of all AMBUCS™ chapters normally qualify each year.

Memorials

Memorials for deceased AMBUCS™ or members of their families, or close friends may be given to The Living Endowment Fund in their honor. Many AMBUCS™, not wishing to send flowers in memory of a friend or loved one, use Living Endowment as a remembrance. Each simply completes a special *Living Endowment Giving Envelope*. When this is received at the AMBUCS™ Resource Center a card is sent to the family of the deceased announcing the gift and that the donor "believes that a memorial gift of this kind not only remembers the individual who has passed on, but also translates this memory into a program of charitable giving which benefits people with disabilities and worthy students."

You should obtain a quantity of these *envelopes* and have them available at each chapter meeting.

Voluntary program

At this point it may be well to remind ourselves that although our National Programs exist only through our contributions, those contributions are voluntary and always have been. When an AMBUCS™ member fails to pay their pledge, we trust they will only be reminded and not censured. It is their privilege to cancel at any time. As Living Endowment chairman, your job is to convince (sell) them again.

Recording and feedback

All individual Living Endowment Fund contributions are recorded in the AMBUCS™ name and credited to their chapter's total contributions. Twice each year the AMBUCS™ Resource Center publishes a status report; once in March and the final report in June. It reflects the total contributions for each chapter and the amount required to achieve 100% Living Endowment Fund Giving. In June, an annual report shows the totals of each chapter for the preceding year. These reports are available on the AMBUCS™ Web site.

Selling the program

One of the best methods to increase giving is to invite a therapist to a regular chapter meeting and ask them to bring along a client with disabilities. Contact hospitals, clinics, or therapists in your community.

One chapter's successful chairperson contacted the members prior to, or immediately following each meeting at which Living Endowment was explained. He said "It is difficult for a member to tell me directly they can not afford \$30, \$50, or more per year to help a disabled child or disabled adult." This chapter's participation went from 20% to well over 80% by using this technique.

Awards

National

Three national awards-100% Living Endowment Giving, Living Endowment Giving Per Member, and the Big Heart Award-are all based upon contributions to the Living Endowment Fund. See the Awards Guideline for full details www.ambucs.org.

Prerequisites for all district/national achievement and merit awards requires that your chapter qualify as a 100% Living Endowment chapter to be eligible. The average of \$40 per member per year is based upon chapter membership as posted on the February 28, *Blue Chip Report*. Contributions made from June 1st through May 31st are included in total contributions.

By achieving or exceeding the 100% level , points can be earned on the president's *4th quarter Chapter Operation Scorecard*. To be credited for each awards year, all contributions must be in the AMBUCS™ Resource Center by May 15th.

Therapist of the Year

An excellent program to tie into. It is designed as a public relations tool to be used in conjunction with the national Association "February is National AMBUCS™ Month," or the Spring Round Up "Invitation to..." promotion. The guidelines for selecting a Therapist of the Year are included with this section.

Entry for Therapist of the Year Award

GUIDELINES

1. Applicant must have a degree from an accredited institution. Degree must be in one of our four approved disciplines:
**Occupational, Physical,
Speech Pathology or Hearing Audiology**
2. Permission granted by candidate to allow his/her name to be submitted to National AMBUCS™.
3. Candidate's willingness to attend next national conference if honor is received.
4. PERSONAL DATA SHEET: Use the Personal Data Sheet provided to list nominee's various education, employment, awards, and community activities history.
5. NARRATIVE: On a separate sheet of paper, submit a narrative explaining why you think the nominee is deserving of recognition as Therapist of the Year. Limit to approximately 400 words or less. Omit from the narrative any reference to your chapter (other than AMBUCS™), your city, etc.
6. Return completed nomination, no later than April 30th, to the AMBUCS™ Resource Center, PO Box 5127, High Point NC 27262 or fax 336-887-8451.

NOMINATION FOR THERAPIST-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

The _____ Chapter of AMBUCS™ hereby recommends

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

for the _____ (year) National Therapist-of-the-Year Award. We certify that our chapter is in good standing with our National Association.

Personal interview conducted by: _____ Name _____ Date _____

Recommendation approved by Board of Directors: _____ Date _____

Recommendation approved by general membership: _____ Date _____

Chapter Sponsorship Chairman Signature

Chapter President Signature

Date

Date

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name _____

Formal Education

School or Institution	Degree and Year Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Employment History

Employer	Dates (from/to)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Professional Memberships

Special Awards and Recognition

Award	Year Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Community Activities

