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CAFAmerica Introduces No Fee Service to Simplify Global Philanthropy

Equivalency Determination now offered free for international grants

Washington, D.C., March 20—CAFAmerica (Charities Aid Foundation of America) today announced that it will provide free equivalency determination (ED) services, where ED is appropriate, to all clients with a CAFAmerica Donor Advised Fund or who give a Donor Advised Gift.

Equivalency determination is the method used to collect detailed information on a foreign charitable organization in order to make a “good faith determination” as to whether or not the foreign charity is the equivalent of a United States 501(c)(3) or 509(a) public charity.

“Donors looking to give abroad do not need to purchase a membership or even pay for individual ED certificates,” said Ted Hart, chief executive officer for CAFAmerica. “A donor now simply opens a fund at CAFAmerica, recommends a charity for our advisors to vet and advises that the grant be made.”

Current interest in equivalency determination is the result of proposed Treasury Department regulations announced via advance notice of proposed rulemaking in September 2012. Then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton highlighted these proposed regulatory changes when she spoke at the Clinton Global Initiative and called for a simpler system for investing in legitimate foreign charities.

The free ED offering is available through NGOAmerica.org, a project of CAFAmerica designed to streamline international and enhance domestic grantmaking. CAFAmerica has an industry-leading 100 point due diligence process to ensure that donated dollars are used by credible, fully-vetted international charities while providing the donor with a tax receipt. CAFAmerica follows established IRS procedures, including assessing all information that must be obtained from foreign charitable organizations and maintains a database of more than 3,000 pre-vetted charities. This often makes ED approval from CAFAmerica a quicker process than from other providers.

CAFAmerica continues to offer its highly honored full service international grantmaking program to all its donors.

To learn more about “No Fee ED” or to establish a fund visit NGOAmerica.org, email info@cafamerica.org or contact CAFAmerica at 703-549-8931.

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CAFAmerica is a global grantmaking organization assisting corporations, foundations and individuals. CAFAmerica streamlines the grantmaking process to eliminate risk and administrative burden, and helps donors support great causes by assisting them in making strategic, effective and tax-advantaged grants internationally and domestically. In the last 10 years alone, CAFAmerica has granted more than \$280 million in donor funds to more than 3,000 foreign nonprofit organizations in more than 76 countries.