

**OPERATION FALSE CHARITY
PARTICIPATING STATES
MAY 20, 2009**

In addition to the actions identified below, the Attorneys General of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington and the Secretary of State of Washington provided substantial investigatory assistance on the FTC cases.
Actions listed below took place from November, 2008 to May 20, 2009 except where noted.

Agency	Type of action	Name of target	More information
Federal Trade Commission	Stipulated order enjoins violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule (“TSR”), suspended judgments total \$19,141,342.	American Veterans Relief Foundation, Inc.; Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, Inc.; Disabled Firefighters Fund; Jeffrey Dean Duncan; William Rose; Kathy Clinkenbeard	U.S. District Court, Central District of California No. 09-3533-AHM (RNBx) Tracy Thorleifson 206-220-4481 David M. Horn 206-220-4483
Federal Trade Commission	Stipulated order enjoins violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule (“TSR”); suspended judgment of \$1,689,625.83 as to corporate defendants only.	David Scott Marleau; Jedi Investments, LLC; Impact Fundraising, LLC; Millenium Fundraising, LLC; PC Marl, Inc.	U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington No. C09-5289BHS David M. Horn 206-220-4483 Tracy Thorleifson 206-220-4481

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Federal Trade Commission	Public Education Press Conference Press Release	See above	www.ftc.gov/charityfraud www.ftc.gov (press release and related materials) Tracy Thorleifson 206-220-4481 David M. Horn 206-220-4483

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Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin	Consent Judgment, Agreed Judgment, or Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbids misrepresentations and requires various disclosures; costs and fees of \$200,000 divided among states (Individual state agencies, actions, and contact information are listed below. Some states planned to file Community Support settlement documents on or after May 20.)	Community Support, Inc.	See each state's contact information below.
Alabama Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	Joy Patterson 334-242-7491
Alaska Attorney General	Public education Press release		Davyn Williams 907-269-5200 http://www.law.state.ak.us/department/civil/consumer/cpindex.html

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Arizona Attorney General	Public Education Press Release		Nancy Anger 602-542-7710 Anne Hilby 602-542-8019
Arkansas Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbids misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Kevin Wells 501-682-8063 Gabe Holmstrom 501-682-0517
California Department of Justice	California will announce its actions at a later date	California will announce its actions at a later date	Belinda Johns 415-703-1120 Scott Gerber 510-622-2214 www.ag.ca.gov/charities
Colorado Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Alissa Hecht Gardenswartz 303-866-5857
Colorado Secretary of State	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Chris Cash 303-860-6934

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Connecticut Attorney General	Complaint charges violations of state law	Associated Community Services, Inc.	Thomas Fiorentino 860-808-5020 Chris Hoffman 860-808-5324
Delaware Attorney General	Criminal action alleging theft by false pretense	Delaware Disabled Firefighters Association / Michael Metzler	Ian Mcconnel 302-577-8533
District of Columbia Attorney General	Public Education Press Release		Barry Gottfried 202-727-6241
Florida Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Sandi Copes 854-245-0150
Georgia Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs	Settlement pending for consent judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees (to be filed on or after May 20, 2009)	Community Support, Inc.	Bill Cloud 404-656-3790

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Georgia Secretary of State	Settlement pending for consent judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees (to be filed on or after May 20, 2009)	Community Support, Inc.	Bob Terry 404-656-9721 Matthew Carrothers 404-656-2898
Hawaii Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Hugh Jones 808-586-1473
Hawaii Attorney General	Final Order (August 2008)	MJ888M Productions, Inc., and Most Wanted Law Enforcement Organization	Hugh Jones 808-586-1473
Hawaii Attorney General	Consent Agreement (May 2008)	Lisa J. Miller, LJM Productions	Hugh Jones 808-586-1473
Idaho Attorney General	Public Education Press Release		Bob Cooper 208-334-4112
Illinois Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Therese Harris 312 814 2533 Robyn Ziegler 312 814 3118

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Illinois Attorney General	Complaint charges violations of state law	Public Awareness, Inc.	Therese Harris 312 814 2533 Robyn Ziegler 312 814 3118
Illinois Attorney General	Consent Decree under which Viet-Pol and its owner agreed to stop acting as professional fundraisers. Trial verdict entered against American Association of Police Officers imposing a \$10,000 penalty and a 3-year injunction on soliciting in Illinois	Vet-Pol Advertising, Inc., Peter Ruderschmidt, American Association of Police Officers, David Dierks, and Phil LeConte	Therese Harris 312 814 2533 Robyn Ziegler 312 814 3118
Illinois Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Home for Heroes, Inc. and Patrick Gleason	Therese Harris 312 814 2533 Robyn Ziegler 312 814 3118
Indiana Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	January Portteus 317-232-0171 Molly Butters 317-232-0168

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Iowa Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Steve St. Clair 515-281-3731 Bill Roach, phone 515-281-5536 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov
Iowa Attorney General	Consumer fraud lawsuit charges violations of state law	Public Safety Communications, Inc., and Andy D. Constantine	Steve St. Clair 515-281-3731 Bill Roach, phone 515-281-5536 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov
Iowa Attorney General	Consumer fraud lawsuit charged violations of state law. Judgment entered, injunction and fine	Midwest Publishing-DN, Inc., John F. McCallum, and Stanislaw Burzynski	Steve St. Clair 515-281-3731 Bill Roach, phone 515-281-5536 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov
Kansas Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Ashley Anstaett 785-296-3459

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Kentucky Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Della Justice 502-696-5389
Kentucky Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbids soliciting for ten years	American Veterans Coalition	Della Justice 502-696-5389
Kentucky Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbidding all fundraising for 45 days while the investigation into alleged misrepresentations and violations of state law is completed	United States Deputy Sheriffs Association	Della Justice 502-696-5389
Kentucky Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbidding all fundraising for 45 days while the investigation into alleged misrepresentations and violations of state law is completed	Courtesy Call, Inc.	Della Justice 502-696-5389
Louisiana Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Jennifer Roche 225-326-6761

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Louisiana Attorney General	Notified five professional solicitors of possible violations of unfair trade practice for soliciting on behalf of unregistered charities	Five unnamed professional solicitors	Jennifer Roche 225-326-6761
Maine Attorney General	Public Education Press Release		Carrie Carney 207-626-8580
Maryland Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Raquel Guillory 410-576-6357
Maryland Secretary of State	Public Education Press Release		Richard A. Morris 410-974-5530 Jason Waskey 410-260-3859 www.sos.state.md.us
Massachusetts Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Our American Veterans, Inc., Sidney Young, Golden State Marketing, Inc., and Great American Insurance Co.	Sandra Cardone 617-963-2116 Jill Butterworth 617-727-2200

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Massachusetts Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Inc., Terry Morrison, Patrick Kane, Mark Hemphill, James Vincent, Hartford Casualty insurance Company, Lexon Insurance Company, and Platte River Insurance Company	Sandra Cardone 617-963-2116 Jill Butterworth 617-727-2200
Michigan Attorney General	Settlement pending for Assurance of Discontinuance that will forbid misrepresentations and require disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	Tracy Sonneborn 517-241-4069 John Sellek 517-373-8060 http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-17334_18095-45036--,00.html
Minnesota Attorney General	Settlement pending for assurance of discontinuance that will forbid misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Ben Wogsland 651-296-0269
Mississippi Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbids misrepresentations and requires disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	Jan Schaefer 601-359-2002

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Mississippi Secretary of State	Consent Agreement	CJW, Inc.	Michael Huggs 601-359-1364 Pamela Weaver 601-359-6349
Missouri Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees (Missouri co-led multistate case)	Community Support, Inc.	Nanci Gonder 314-340-6816
Missouri Attorney General	Criminal charges allege unlawful merchandising practices in connection with solicitation for charitable purposes	Richard Divers	Nanci Gonder 314-340-6816
Missouri Attorney General	Complaint charges violations of state law	Our American Veterans, Inc., and Sidney Young	Nanci Gonder 314-340-6816
Missouri Attorney General	Complaint charges violations of state law	Valerie Hellewege, Public Safety, Inc., American Veterans Relief Foundation, Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, Inc., and Disabled Firefighters Fund	Nanci Gonder 314-340-6816

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Montana Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Kelley Hubbard 406-444-2026 Judy Beck or Kevin O'Brien 406-444-2026
Nebraska Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	Abigail Stempson 402-471-1279 Leah Bucco-White 402-471-2067
Nevada Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Edie Cartwright 775-684-1189
New Hampshire Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Autos for Animals, LLC	Mike DeLucia 603-271-1288 www.doj.nh.gov/charitable
New Jersey Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Frederick Parisi, Jean Street, and 9-11 Rescue Workers Foundation	Veronica Hursthouse 973-504-6336 Jeff Lamm 973-504-6323
New Mexico Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Phil Sisneros 505-827-6792

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New York State Consumer Protection Board	Public Education		Deborah Sturm Rausch 518-473-9472 http://www.consumer.state.ny.us/c/lahtm/charities.htm http://www.consumer.state.ny.us/p/ressreleases/2007/dec272007.htm http://www.consumer.state.ny.us/pdf/great_deals_big_scams.pdf
North Carolina Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Barbara Shaw 919-716-6030 Jennifer Canada 919-716-6413
North Carolina Secretary of State	Public Education Press Release		Carolina Jarquin 919-807-2211 Liz Proctor 919-807-2154
North Dakota Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Parrell Grossman 701-328-5570 Liz Brocker 701-328-2213

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Ohio Attorney General	Assurance of Discontinuance with fine	Heritage Company	Diane Oates 614-466-3181 Ted Hart 614-728-4127 www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov
Ohio Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Diane Oates 614-466-3181 Ted Hart 614-728-4127 www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov
Oklahoma Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Jerry Streck 405-522-3917 Charlie Price 405-522-4400
Oregon Department of Justice	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	Secure the Call	Heather Weigler 971 673 1910 Tony Green 503 378 6002
Oregon Department of Justice	Settlement pending for assurance of voluntary compliance that will forbid misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Heather Weigler 971 673 1910 Tony Green 503 378 6002

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Pennsylvania Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	American Association of State Troopers	Heather Vance-Rittman 717-783-2853 Nils Hagan-Frederiksen 717-787-5211
Pennsylvania Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Our American Veterans and Sidney Young	Heather Vance-Rittman 717-783-2853 Nils Hagan-Frederiksen 717-787-5211
Pennsylvania Attorney General	Judgment entered with fine	The Publishing Group, The Law Enforcement Times, The Drug Prevention News, The Volunteer Fireman, The Rescue Squad, Edis Fulghum, Richard Lazar, and David Feldman.	Heather Vance-Rittman 717-783-2853 Nils Hagan-Frederiksen 717-787-5211
Pennsylvania Attorney General	Complaint alleges violations of state law	Robert Friend, Shao Mei Wang, Disabled Firefighters Foundation, Inc., American Veterans Coalition, Inc., and National Assoc. of Disabled Police Officers, Inc.	Heather Vance-Rittman 717-783-2853 Nils Hagan-Frederiksen 717-787-5211

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Pennsylvania Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	DARE America, Inc., Grand Slam Events, Inc., Robert Paster, individually, Liberty Events Group, Inc., and Kara Clouse, individually	Heather Vance-Rittman 717-783-2853 Nils Hagan-Frederiksen 717-787-5211
Pennsylvania Secretary of State	Public Education Press Conference Press Release		Tracy L. McCurdy 717 783 1720
Rhode Island Attorney General	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance forbids misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Michael Healey 401-274-4400
Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Securities Division	Public Education		Alicia Mildner 401-462-9583
South Carolina Secretary of State	Fined \$2,500, signed Letter of Understanding	Associated Community Services, unregistered individuals calling on behalf of Foundation for American Veterans	Eddie Brown 803-734-1797 Renee Daggerhart 803-734-0629

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South Carolina Secretary of State	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and fine of \$15,000 for nondisclosures by solicitors calling on behalf of Columbia Fire Fighters Association	Center Stage Attractions	Eddie Brown 803-734-1797 Renee Daggerhart 803-734-0629
South Carolina Secretary of State	Fined \$4,000 for nondisclosures while calling on behalf of South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Association (September 2008)	T&T Enterprises	Eddie Brown 803-734-1797 Renee Daggerhart 803-734-0629
South Dakota Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	DeLane Smith 800-300-1986 (In-state) 605-773-4400
Tennessee Attorney General	Public Education Press Release		Sharon Curtis-Flair 615-741-5860
Tennessee Secretary of State	Public Education Press Release		Todd R. Kelley 615-253-4573
Texas Attorney General	Agreed Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Mary T. Henderson 512-475-4185 Tom Kelley 512-936-1858 www.TexasAttorneyGeneral.gov

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Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection	Public Education Press Release		Jennifer Bolton 801-530-6646
Virginia Attorney General	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures	Community Support, Inc.	David Irvin 804-786-4047 http://www.vaag.com/FAQs/FAQ_Charitys.html http://www.vaag.com/CONSUMER/CONSUMER_FRAUD/Consumer_Disaster.html#CHARITY
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs	Related to fundraising for National Organization of Deputy Sheriffs, convicted of two felonies, conspiracy to commit fraud and soliciting under false pretenses, and 15 misdemeanor violations of state law. Sentenced to 54 months in prison, none suspended	Larry Moorman	Marion Horsley 804-225-3820 http://www.vdaacs.virginia.gov/news/press.shtml

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Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs	Related to fundraising for National Organization of Deputy Sheriffs, pled guilty to one felony count of conspiracy to commit fraud, and four misdemeanors – soliciting under false pretenses, soliciting while not registered, soliciting using an artifice to defraud, and misuse of solicited funds. Sentenced to 84 months in jail, all but six suspended upon condition of 10 years good behavior, and permanently barred from engaging in charitable solicitations.	Bryan Josemans	Marion Horsley 804-225-3820 http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/news/press.shtml
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs	Related to fundraising for National Organization of Deputy Sheriffs, pled guilty to felony racketeering, two false pretense offenses, and three charitable solicitation fraud counts. Sentenced to 8-1/2 years in jail with all but 10 months suspended upon condition of 10 years good behavior, and permanently barred from engaging in charitable solicitations.	Thomas Gardiner	Marion Horsley 804-225-3820 http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/news/press.shtml

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Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs	Related to fundraising for National Organization of Deputy Sheriffs, convicted of 6 violations, including soliciting under false pretenses, soliciting while not registered in Virginia, soliciting using an artifice to defraud, and misuse of solicited funds. Sentenced to six months in jail	Brandon Childers	Marion Horsley 804-225-3820 http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/news/press.shtml
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs	Warning regarding alleged failure to comply with state solicitation law	Emmanuel Outreach Temple, Inc., soliciting in the names of American Veterans Assistance Fund, Reserve Police Officers of America, National Coalition of Disabled Firefighters, and Children's Dream Network	Marion Horsley 804-225-3820 http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/news/press.shtml
Washington Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Shannon Smith 206-389-3996 Kristin Alexander 206-464-6432
Washington Attorney General	Assurance of Discontinuance forbids soliciting without registering. Paid costs and fees	Reserve Police Officers Association Yonkers, New York	Shannon Smith 206-389-3996 Kristin Alexander 206-464-6432

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Washington Attorney General	Assurance of Discontinuance forbids soliciting without registering. Paid costs and fees	Nationwide Fundraisers Phoenix, Arizona	Shannon Smith 206-389-3996 Kristin Alexander 206-464-6432
Washington Secretary of State	Public Education Press Release		Christina Siderius 360-902-4176
West Virginia Attorney General	Consent Judgment enjoins misrepresentations and requires disclosures; state receives a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	Chris Hedges 304-558-8986 www.wvago.gov
West Virginia Attorney General	Assurance of Discontinuance (July 2008)	I Glo Workshop, Inc.	Norman Googel 304-558-8986 www.wvago.gov
West Virginia Secretary of State	Public Education Press Release		Ashley Summitt 304-558-6000
Wisconsin Department of Justice	Settlement pending for consent judgment that will enjoin misrepresentations and require disclosures; state to receive a share of \$200,000 costs and fees	Community Support, Inc.	John Greene 608-266-3936

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Wisconsin Eau Claire County District Attorney Wisconsin Department of Justice	Convicted of racketeering (March 2008), sentenced to 10 months in jail and fined \$20,000	Duane J. Kolve	John Greene 608-266-3936 http://www.doj.state.wi.us/news/2008/nr032008_cp.asp
Wyoming Attorney General	Public Education		Mark Moran 307-777-7874 Leslie Osen 307-777-5833 http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/consumer.htm