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FCAF Seeks Matching Gifts

Double Your Donation Through A Matching Gift

What's hiding behind those corporate doors? It just might be a program that doubles your charitable donation! They are called *Matching Gift and Volunteering Programs*.

A little known fact ... 65% of Fortune 500 companies and many other smaller companies both here and abroad regard Matching Gift and Volunteer programs as an important element of their philanthropic culture.

While such programs are structured in accordance with the company's mission, they are similar in design. They work like this: the employee/retiree contributes to a charity or foundation (usually a 501c3 organization) and the company then matches the gift, often on a dollar-for-dollar basis or according to a specified formula.

In other words, with a matching gift it may be possible to double your contribution. *Matching gifts enable you to direct a portion of the company's monies, already earmarked for charitable contributions, to causes that matter to you.*

Volunteer your time working for a special group or charitable event? Companies often have alternative or additional programs offering donations based on your volunteer services. Some even go so far as to match your personal fundraising efforts from family, friends and co-workers in conjunction with an event you participate in—say a run or walk or charitable event.



Running a *WAVE* program at your club? Your volunteer hours helping out on this FCAF special project for wounded veterans might well qualify—check it out!

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President's Message



It's summertime! Time for youth sailing programs. Most FCA clubs have them, run by tireless sailors as a labor of love.

Sailors always want to *share the love* and what's better than teaching the next generation?

To participate, many eager youth need scholarship help. FCAF is dedicated to the development of young sailors. What a great experience for them ... learning the science of sailing, the fun of competitive racing, teamwork, leadership skills and how to be safe on the water.



Pass the love along! Give young people summer fun all while learning lessons and skills with lifetime benefits. Extend a helping hand to bright, deserving young sports enthusiasts. You can make a difference today!

Do It With A Smile!



Amazon is an amazing place ... our go-to online retailer. Did you know Amazon offers a charitable program that donates a percentage of your purchase to your favorite charity? *Yes!* It's called: ***Smile.Amazon***

FCAF is now a registered charity on ***Smile.Amazon***. It's a separate website—just like the regular Amazon with all the same products and you can use your personal amazon.com account. ***The key, however, is you must be on the Smile.Amazon website to have donations earmarked for the FCAF. Every purchase counts!*** Then a small percentage (.05%) of your purchase is donated FCAF.

Sign on now! On your next visit to Amazon, log onto ***smile.amazon.com*** and find the charity listing and enter Florida Commodores Association Foundation. Amazon will remember this for your eligible purchases then and in the future.

Remember ... you must be on the ***Smile.Amazon*** site for your donation to be applied, so why not make this one of your handy Google bookmarks?

To be successful and do the work we all want to see done, the Foundation must be in constant state of growth with a continual flow of gifts. ***Smile.Amazon*** is a simple and easy way to make sure the FCAF grows and prospers!

Matching Gifts continued

Guidelines for programs can be very specific, so investigate and understand the guidelines in advance for the optimum gifting opportunity.

Here is what you can do to double (*or possibly triple*) your gift or learn about volunteer giving programs:

- Check with your current or former employer for their Matching Gift or Volunteer programs. For larger corporations, this information is often online. If not, email the Human Resources Department.
- *Follow the instructions carefully* for making a matching gift request.
- If your company has these kinds of programs, do let us know. That way, we can provide a list to other FCA members and friends who could also take advantage of this opportunity to support the FCAF as well.

To support summer sailing programs for youth, amateur competitive racers and on-going ***WAVE*** programs, the FCA Foundation needs funding from every possible source.

You can help by investigating and participating in the Matching Gift and Volunteer programs your company offers. They are there for the asking ... *make it happen for the FCAF's special projects!*

Concerned you do not have access to these special giving programs ... don't worry ... the FCAF still needs your very important contribution to continue the work you—the *FCA members*—have asked the Foundation to do.

For assistance or questions regarding Matching Gifts, contact: FCAF Director, Carole Lick at 734-945-3938 or by email at: lickc@msu.edu

“It is awesome to sail for my country but coming home to friends, family and community was humbling.”

Paige Railey, 2016 USA Rio Olympic Team Laser Radial Class



FCA Foundation Gifting

A Matching Gift Can Double Your Gift!

Your tax-deductible donation supports the educational development of young sailors, amateur competitive sailors and teams, Olympic and Paralympic sailors and honors U.S. wounded veterans with on-water events.

Support Levels:

- ◆ Admiral: \$500 and above
- ◆ Commodore: \$250 - \$499
- ◆ Captain: \$100 - \$249
- ◆ Sustaining: \$25 - \$99

Date: _____

— Please Print —

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Home phone () _____

Gift Amount: _____ *Thank You!*

One Time

Bill Annually *Make mine an Annual Gift to be billed each January!*

Matching Gift: Name of Corporation: _____

Donor Must Apply and Complete Company's Gift Form Directly

Gift in memory of: _____

Gift in honor : _____

Send Memory/Honor Acknowledgement card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Thank you for your support! Make check payable to: Florida Commodores Association Foundation.

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