



CSA SERVES Introduction

The CSA SERVES program allows lodges to choose the charities, groups, or causes to which they donate and volunteer, whether they be large or small. Many lodges have chosen local groups to support, which has proven to be an excellent way to build the Czechoslovak Society of America's recognition and presence in the communities across the United States.

In recent years, we have had to adapt to the ways in which we can donate our time. The world has changed, in that today, volunteers are carefully screened beforehand or politely rejected as a matter of policy. Additionally, former projects like Habitat for Humanity, Planting Gardens, etc. are now too physically demanding for many members. For these reasons, it is so important for our lodges to continue supporting the charitable organizations they have established relationships with. The local food pantries, centers, shelters, and so on are so thankful for your help. The numerous thank-you cards and phone calls that we receive at our Home Office are a testament to that fact.

As of 2021, we have decided to allow animal-based organizations (such as the ASPCA, local animal shelters, etc.) because we firmly believe that pets are beneficial to humans, happiness, and healing.

Wherever you choose to donate your time and money, we wish you the best of luck and “happy giving” during the year 2023.

“The secret to happiness is helping others.”

Fraternally,

Kelly Deegan
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Sample letters and forms will be posted on CSA's website under “Member Forms” after January 1st. Please send your requests for matching funds to the Home Office by **December 1, 2023**.



CSA SERVES Rules and Requirements

You must make a minimum monetary donation of \$50 or volunteer for at least 10 hours (at \$2.50 per person per volunteer hour) in order for CSA to send a matching fund check **no less than \$25**. As was done in previous years, if you make small contributions to one group throughout the year, you should consolidate them until they total \$50. **Maximum Home Office matching for donations or volunteer hours is \$1,500 per lodge.**

- Requests for matching funds must be RECEIVED by Home Office by **December 1st**. Requests submitted or post-marked after that date will not be matched. No exceptions.
- It is not necessary to advise Home Office of your selection(s). You may choose any number of groups to support. Remember the \$50 minimum donation to each.
- The Sample Letter and Volunteer Hour Log in this packet can be found on CSA's website. Both are now fillable online.
- Requests for matching funds must be submitted by the lodge to the Fraternal Department. Donations listed on President Report Form will not be considered official notification. You must submit a separate request.
- Please provide documentation of donations (such as copies of checks, thank-you cards, etc.) when applicable.



Any questions? Call the Fraternal Department at 800-543-3272 or email kdeegan@csalife.com.



CSA SERVES Donation Form

On _____, 20____

Lodge _____ # _____

of the Czechoslovak Society of America donated \$ _____ either in supplies or as a monetary gift to the following charity or community organization:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This donation amount or approximate value is acknowledged by:

Signed Name

Title

Printed Name

Date





Czechoslovak Society of America

Dear Friends:

The Czechoslovak Society of America is a fraternal benefit society with a long history of charitable and community service projects to its credit. Our annual initiative CSA SERVES encourages lodges to support one or more local charities of our choice. Our donations are matched by our Home Office at 50%. Additionally, volunteer work that we contribute to our charity of choice is valued at \$2.50 per hour per volunteer with the compensation paid directly to that organization.

Our Lodge _____ #_____ has chosen to support your organization with the enclosed donation of \$_____ to use as you see fit. A copy of this letter is sent to the Fraternal Department of the Czechoslovak Society of America for their matching funds donation which will be sent directly to you.

We are pleased to help support such a worthy cause as yours and wish you much success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Lodge Secretary

Encl.

cc: Fraternal Programs Manager

