Protect Yourself – Charity Scams

The Community Foundation’s Preventing Financial Scams Initiative protects our community. Below are some tips on charity scams.

Red Flags:
- You are pressured into donating right away
- You are asked to give cash, prepaid debit cards or wire money
- Refuses to share information about the organization’s mission and background and does not answer your calls
- Will not verify that your donation is tax-deductible and will not provide a gift receipt
- Cannot provide details on how your information will be used

What to do:
- Ask for contact information for the charity and research them or search for the charity in the resources below
- Call the charity directly to verify if the solicitation was legitimate

Resources:

Community Foundation of Western Nevada
Nevada
Phone: 775-333-5499

Better Business Bureau

Guidestar
https://www.guidestar.org/

Wise Giving Alliance
http://www.give.org/

Charity Navigator
https://www.charitynavigator.org/

IRS
Tax Exempt Organization Search
https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/

Report the scam with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by calling their Consumer response Center at 1-877-382-4357 or visiting https://ftc.gov/complaint

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