This Agreement is between the Tri-State Better Business Bureau ("BBB") and ____________________________________________ (Local Charity).

The Tri-State BBB evaluates local charities for compliance with the BBB Wise Giving Alliance ("BBB WGA") charity accountability standards ("the Standards"). The BBB WGA is the national charity watchdog affiliated with the BBB system. The Tri-State BBB is authorized to license the local charity seal ("the Seal", current version Attachment A), designed to assist donors in making informed giving decisions, to local charities that meet those standards. Local Charity is qualified for the Seal, seeks a license to use the Seal and accordingly agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Definitions**
   a. **Seal** means the trademark owned by the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc. ("the Council") and as it may be modified from time to time. The Council is the national office of the BBB system. Current version in Attachment A/hyperlink.
   b. **Standards** means the current BBB WGA Standards for Charity Accountability and as they may be modified from time to time. Current version in Attachment B/hyperlink.

2. **License**
   a. The Tri-State BBB grants Local Charity a nonexclusive, non-assignable and nontransferable license to use and display the Seal as described in Paragraph 3.
   b. Local Charity agrees to use the Seal only as set forth in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, or in Local Charity’s use of the Seal, will give Local Charity any right in the Seal, or in any similar marks, beyond the right granted in this Agreement.

3. **Use of the Seal**
   a. **Placement**: Local Charity may display the Seal in transient advertising and solicitations, to include newspaper advertisements, periodicals, billboards, posters, direct mail appeals, flyers and television, and in annual reports and letterhead. Local Charity may also install the Seal anywhere on Local Charity’s primary World Wide Web site, on web sites where Local Charity advertises and in email provided the Seal clicks to a participation confirmation page as described in Paragraph 5 below. The Seal may not be used in telephone directories, permanent handbooks and manuals, on promotional items or in any other medium other than those specifically authorized by this Agreement.
   b. **Size**: Upon Local Charity’s signing of this Agreement, Tri-State BBB will provide Local Charity with a digital version of the Seal for use in non-electronic media. BBB will also provide Local Charity with access information to digital versions of the seal for Local Charity to download and install in electronic media, including the World Wide Web and email. Local Charity must receive prior written permission from Tri-State BBB to use the Seal in a size other than those provided. Local Charity may not vary the color of the Seal.

4. **Disclaimers**
   a. **Accuracy**: Local Charity acknowledges that the BBB may modify or replace the Seal, and that Local Charity agrees that the BBB is not liable for any modifications or replacements to the Seal.
   b. **Limitation of Liability**: Local Charity releases the BBB from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities, whether known or unknown, whether or not foreseeable, which relate to the use of the Seal, except for the BBB’s willful and/or grossly negligent acts.
   c. **Indemnification**: Local Charity shall indemnify and hold harmless the BBB against any and all claims, demands, and liabilities, whether known or unknown, including but not limited to those arising from personal injuries or property damages, which relate to the use of the Seal.

5. **Termination**
   a. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice.
   b. Local Charity may not terminate this Agreement during the term of the license.

6. **Governing Law**
   This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

7. **Entire Agreement**
   This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties. This Agreement may not be amended except by written agreement executed by both Local Charity and Tri-State BBB.

8. **Seal Usage Policy**
   The Seal is intended for use by Local Charity in compliance with the Standards. The Seal is not intended for use by any third party.

9. **Confidentiality**
   Local Charity agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any information provided by the BBB and not to disclose such information to any third party.

10. **Enforcement**
    Any dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be resolved in the courts of the State of New York, County of Nassau.

Local Charity acknowledges that it has read and understands this Agreement and agrees to be bound by its terms.
Seal on the World Wide Web or in email; however, Local Charity may use a black and white Seal in transient advertising and solicitations, annual reports and letterhead.

c. Restrictions: Reference to the Seal, to meeting Standards or to the BBB or its Foundation in print (including contracts) or in any electronic media is prohibited without prior approval of Tri-State BBB. Local Charity may, however, issue a press release(s) about its qualification for the Seal provided the press release(s) receives approval of the Tri-State BBB prior to its dissemination.

4. Charity Responsibilities
   a. Local Charity agrees that it will continue to meet Standards throughout the term of this Agreement.
   b. Local Charity agrees to provide Tri-State BBB with the uniform resource locators (“URLs”) where Local Charity shall display the Seal. If the URL changes, Local Charity must notify Tri-State BBB of the new URL and of the URL of the web site that will no longer displays the logo, if appropriate.
   c. Local Charity agrees to provide Tri-State BBB samples of use of the Seal upon Tri-State BBB request.
   d. Local Charity agrees to furnish Tri-State BBB upon its request and within the time requested such information as may be needed to determine Local Charity’s continued compliance with all Standards, and to provide, within the time requested, an updated questionnaire used periodically to determine compliance with Standards.

5. Tri-State BBB Responsibilities
   a. Tri-State BBB will maintain the technology to ensure the Seal clicks to the Local Charity’s BBB report.

6. Fees
   a. Local Charity agrees to pay the annual Seal license fee prescribed by the Tri-State BBB’s Board. The fee shall be due and payable within thirty days of receipt of invoice. See Attachment C for current fees, which may be annually modified. Fees are non-refundable unless Tri-State BBB terminates this Agreement under Paragraph 7D.

7. Term, Suspension, and Termination
   a. Term: This Agreement remains in effect unless terminated as provided herein so long as the annual license fee is timely paid.
   b. Suspension: This Agreement and the license hereunder may be suspended by Tri-State BBB in its sole discretion if (i) Local Charity fails to provide Tri-State BBB within the required time the information that Tri-State BBB may request any time to verify Local Charity's continuing compliance with Standards; or if (2) Local Charity fails to return within the time requested a completed questionnaire required for periodic compliance evaluations. This Agreement may also be suspended if, after receiving such information or questionnaire, Tri-State BBB determines, in its sole discretion that there are substantial questions raised regarding Local Charity’s compliance with Standards, and that Tri-State BBB needs further time to determine such compliance.
   c. Termination by Tri-State BBB for cause: Tri-State BBB may terminate this Agreement if (i) Tri-State BBB determines at any time that Local Charity fails to meet all Standards; (ii) if Local Charity violates any other term of this Agreement; (iii) if Local Charity is declared insolvent or bankrupt; or (iv) if Local Charity merges with another charity. Tri-State BBB will provide any
termination notice in writing and will deliver it by facsimile and/or regular or electronic mail to Local Charity's address set forth below.

d. By Tri-State BBB: Tri-State BBB may terminate this Agreement on 30 days’ written notice if Tri-State BBB discontinues licensing the Seal for any reason.

e. By Local Charity: Local Charity may terminate this Agreement by written notice to Tri-State BBB delivered by facsimile and/or regular or electronic mail to the address set forth below.

f. Responsibilities upon Termination: If either Party terminates this Agreement, Local Charity agrees to remove the Seal immediately from all electronic media, to discard promptly all materials bearing the Seal, and to cease future use of the Seal. Tri-State BBB will reflect Local Charity’s termination on the Seal’s World Wide Web confirmation pages until Local Charity removes the Seal from all places where used on the World Wide Web.

8. Representations and Warranties
   a. Each Party represents and warrants that (i) it has the necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform its obligations hereunder; and (ii) its web site(s) do not infringe any third party intellectual property rights or otherwise violate any applicable laws or regulations.
   
b. Local Charity warrants that it is registered to solicit for charitable contributions with state and local governmental authorities wherever Local Charity engages in charitable solicitations if such registration is required.
   
c. Local Charity warrants that it is tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or is an organization conducting charitable solicitations.

   a. Local Charity agrees to indemnify and hold the Tri-State BBB, the Council and BBB WGA harmless against any loss, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of any third party claim alleging misuse by Local Charity of the Seal, or of any violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Local Charity also agrees to indemnify and hold the Tri-State BBB, the Council and BBB WGA harmless against any loss, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees, with respect to all third party claims of any fundraising in connection with Local Charity’s service(s) or charitable solicitations.

10. Limitation of Liability
   a. Local Charity agrees it will not sue the Tri-State BBB, the Council or BBB WGA for monetary damages on any matter concerning this Agreement.

11. Notices
   a. Any written notice required or permitted to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be sent to the addresses below and shall be deemed delivered: (i) upon delivery if delivered in person; (ii) three (3) business days after deposit in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (iii) upon transmission if sent via telecopier and the sender has a confirmation of successful transmission; (iv) one (1) business day after deposit with a national overnight courier; or (v) upon transmission if sent via e-mail and the sender has received a verification of receipt.

12. Assignment
a. The Parties agree this Agreement is non-assignable by either Party to any third party under any circumstances, including but not limited to merger, acquisition, sale or transfer by operation of law or otherwise. Local Charity understands that, if it is merged, acquired or consolidated with another charity, it must inform the Tri-State BBB of this, and the new charity must qualify again for the Seal.

13. Relationship of Parties
   a. Local Charity is not, and shall not represent itself as an agent, representative, partner, subsidiary, joint venturer, or employee of the Tri-State BBB, the Council or BBB WGA, nor can Local Charity represent that it has any authority to bind or obligate the Tri-State BBB, the Council or BBB WGA in any manner or in any thing.
   b. Nothing in this Agreement, or in the use of the Seal itself, shall confer any endorsement or approval of Local Charity by Tri-State BBB, or the BBB WGA. The Seal is intended only to convey that Local Charity meets Standards.

14. Entire Agreement/Modifications
   a. This Agreement embodies the whole agreement between the Parties and supersedes any prior Agreements, understandings and obligations between the Parties. Tri-State BBB may modify this Agreement from time to time. Tri-State BBB shall provide written notice of any modification to Local Charity, and Local Charity shall be deemed to have consented to the modification if Local Charity continues to use the Seal following receipt of such notice.