



**Request for Proposal
Charity for 2026
(Charity In Waiting for 2025)**

Foodie Philanthropy's Mission is to bring together like-minded foodies for philanthropic causes. Foodie Philanthropy supports organizations who assist those less fortunate by hosting an annual dinner at various restaurants. To date, Foodie Philanthropy has supported Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County, The Women's Center of Tarrant County, The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever (which benefited more than 20 local organizations with matching funds), The Hope Center for Autism, The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation, Taste Project, Methodist Justice Ministries, a Wish with Wings, and James L. West Center for Dementia Care. Our 2025 charity is Stone's Throw Farm Co.

How It Works: Foodie Philanthropy throws out the standard gala dinner concept and provides an interactive way for restaurants to do what they do best - serve incredible dishes to interested diners.

Each year, for one night only, patrons around the city are invited to join a Table of 10 at one of the many participating restaurants. Foodie Philanthropy selects corporate and community leaders to serve as Table Hosts who encourage their friends, clients, and colleagues to dine with them. Funds from the table and seat purchases are then passed to that year's Charity of Choice.

How Foodie Philanthropy Raises Funds: Foodie Philanthropy is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization on a mission to bring together like-minded foodies in support of philanthropic causes. Each restaurant involved generously donates a Table of 10 which includes a chef-curated three-course meal with wine or drink pairings. Patrons host a full table or purchase individual seats, if available, at the restaurant of their choice.

Funds raised by our patrons, and the donations of our partners, come together to create a significant contribution for our Charity of Choice. After dinner, all Foodies are invited to meet at an after-party to share their culinary experiences and celebrate the cause.

Through this unique dining experience, our restaurants, partners and patrons generously give their time, talent and treasure to collectively raise awareness and financial resources for each year's Charity of Choice.

RFP Guidelines & Application

Foodie Philanthropy seeks to identify charities currently implementing programs, which deliver a sustainable and positive impact on those in need throughout the Greater Fort Worth area. Foodie Philanthropy will consider supporting either existing programs or newly designed programs, that are results-based and that meet the overall objectives and criteria outlined below.

Foodie Philanthropy selects a new charity each year. In an effort to reduce the learning curve, we have instated a year of learning, which we refer to as the Charity In Waiting. The selected Charity for 2026 will be expected to participate in Foodie Philanthropy planning committee meetings between September 2024 and the February 2025 event so that they can think about how to best maximize their network, board, and contacts for the planning of the 2026 event. Hopefully, this time investment will allow the 2026 Charity to hit the ground running when it is their turn, raising more funds in the process.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving populations in the Greater Fort Worth area. Please note that the bulk of our restaurant partners are in Fort Worth, meaning they expect their contribution to specifically help Fort Worth. It is ok if you service beyond Fort Worth proper, but you need to touch Fort Worth in a significant way.

- Foodie Philanthropy will only accept proposals from organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 2 years.
- Foodie will not accept proposals from organizations that received Foodie Philanthropy funding the previous 3 years.

Application:

- Proposals should be limited to the 4 pages provided not including requested attachments.
- Three attachments are requested: the organization's board roster, annual budget, and a budget for the program that is seeking funds.
- All applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024**.

Participation:

- Foodie Philanthropy is looking for a true charity partner. **This is not a third-party fundraiser where our committee does the work and gifts you the funds raised.** This is joint effort where all parties come to the table to maximize the exposure and reach of the charity organization so that more funds can be raised the night of Foodie Philanthropy.
- If your organization is selected, the contact listed should be willing and able to attend all Foodie Philanthropy meetings (1-2 per month) during the Charity In Waiting period (Sept 2024-Feb 2025)
- If your organization is selected, the contact listed should be willing and able to attend all Foodie Philanthropy meetings (1-2 per month) during the lead up to your FP event (Feb 2025-Feb 2026), participate in media events, presentations, and other Foodie Philanthropy related functions which strive to provide the recipient institution with an effective platform to further promote their cause.
- Once the 2026 Foodie Philanthropy charity has been selected, Foodie Philanthropy may facilitate the production of a short multi-media segment profiling the selected organization(s). This would require setting aside time for a Foodie Philanthropy representative to visit the charity if possible and/or interview both beneficiaries and charity founders and/or administrators. The goal of this video will be to generate enthusiasm for donation purposes and would be used exclusively by Foodie Philanthropy.
- The selected organization will be expected to provide staff and volunteer support leading up to the event day, which includes host table packet pick-up and delivery and restaurant packet deliveries.
- The selected organization will be expected to providing volunteers the week of the event to deliver restaurant packets and manage host packet pick up. They are also expected to provide a minimum of 15-20 volunteers to help on event day and night. Responsibilities will include traveling to participating restaurants to sell raffle tickets, setting up event spaces, and facilitating the after party.
- All organizations, committee members, and charity partners are expected to help recruit new restaurants and table hosts for the event.

Timeline:

- The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday, July 26, 2024.
- Submissions received after 5pm on this date will not be considered.
- Applicants meeting all requirements will be put out for a public vote August 5-16, 2024. While the public vote does not 100% determine the 2026 Charity, the results are a portion of the selection process and give a good indication to the Charity Selection Committee of the kind of community support that the charity is able to garner.
- Applications will be reviewed by a Charity Selection Committee comprised of key community leaders and local chefs.
- Selection of the recipient institution will be announced by September 3, 2024.
- The 2025 Foodie Philanthropy event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 22, 2025**.
- The 2026 Foodie Philanthropy event date is Saturday, February 22, 2026.
- Grantees should plan for their projects to cover the 2026 program year.
- Foodie Philanthropy also requests that applicants refrain from holding non-Foodie Philanthropy related events which may conflict with a previously scheduled Foodie Philanthropy function/event without the prior consent of the Foodie Philanthropy Charity Selection Committee (specifically the three months before and after Foodie Philanthropy)

Charity selection inquiries and final proposals may be directed to: joannakcrain@gmail.com

Applicants must address the following questions in the EXACT format as shown below:

Requested Information:

Primary Contact Person for this funding request: Brenda Matamoros-Beveridge

Contact's Title: Major Gift Officer

Contact's Phone: 214-284-6821

Contact's Email: Bmatamoros@jpshealth.org

Mailing Address: 1223 South Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76104

Please note: If your organization is selected, the contact listed should be willing and able to attend all Foodie Philanthropy meetings, participate in media events, presentations, and other Foodie Philanthropy related functions which strive to provide the recipient institution(s) with an effective platform to further promote their cause.

Organization Overview:

Full legal organization name: JPS Foundation

Year of Incorporation: 1995

Is your organization a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization? Yes or No

EIN: 81-0622690

Physical Address (if different/applicable than mailing address):

Organization's Executive Director: Shannon Fletcher, Interim President and JPS Health Network Chief of Staff

Organization's Board Chair: Larry Anfin

Where do you primarily serve constituents:(City/County)? Tarrant County

What is the mission of your organization?
The JPS Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money to provide goods and services to continue to make JPS Health Network a regional and national leader in transforming healthcare delivery. Our three pillars of giving are our patients, our community, and our team members.

Organization's Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jpshealthnetwork

Organization's Website: https://www.jpshealthnet.org/

Organization's Twitter: n/a

Organization's Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/jpshealthnetwork

Population(s) served –Please include gender, race and ethnicity, socioeconomic levels, etc. or any other information that will help more clearly understand the demographics of those receiving service from your organization.

Please attach a roster of your Board of Directors. (1 of 3 Requested Attachments)

Please list any existing restaurant/chef relationships currently supported or connected to your cause. (The selected charity will be expected to solicit restaurant partners to participate in the event.)
Blue Mesa Grill sponsors our annual golf benefit in June.
Austin's Underdawgs is an on-going partner at events and programs.

Funding Need Overview:

Please provide a summarized overview of your request for funding.

This information will be used on Foodie Philanthropy's website to articulate to supporters your organization's needs. Please be as detailed but concise as possible. Voters will use this to make their choice during the voting process. (Limit: 2-3 sentences describing the organization's overall mission and 3-5 sentences describing the proposed project. Specify the estimated number of persons impacted).

DSPNT offers various support services, programs, and resources aimed at assisting individuals with Down syndrome and their families from the time of diagnosis through adulthood. Their programs are designed to connect family members with valuable information and support, helping them navigate the journey of a Down syndrome diagnosis. DSPNT connects new parents through outreach efforts in the medical community, including partnerships with local hospitals and OB/GYN offices. New parents are also paired with a trained parent volunteer who serves as a mentor, providing guidance and support during the early stages of their journey. DSPNT continues to support families as their child enters each age and stage of development by offering a variety of programs and events. These programs focus on several key areas, including health and wellness, navigating medical and special needs services, special education, social engagement, independent living skills, and transition support. This comprehensive approach ensures that families receive the assistance they need throughout their child's development. Money provided through this grant will support the expansion of programs for adults with Down syndrome. These programs aim to provide crucial support after high school graduation, enabling individuals to pursue further education or gain employment, ultimately leading to independent living. The programs cover essential skills such as money management, social skills, cooking and nutrition, health and wellness, reading comprehension, organization, and personal safety.

Please provide a more concise social media post (no longer than 140 characters) for Foodie Philanthropy to use on social media to promote the reason your charity should be selected.

Individuals with Down syndrome are capable and deserve the same opportunities as their typically developing peers. DSPNT is dedicated to providing education and support for these individuals from birth through adulthood. Additionally, DSPNT works to educate the general community about what it means to have Down syndrome, actively dispelling myths and misconceptions associated with the genetic condition.

Name of program and/or project the Foodie Philanthropy funds would benefit:
Self-Advocate Days

Description of specific program/project the requested funds would impact:

Money provided through this grant will support the expansion of programs for adults with Down syndrome. These programs aim to provide crucial support after high school graduation, enabling individuals to pursue further education or gain employment, ultimately leading to independent living. The programs cover essential skills such as money management, social skills, cooking and nutrition, health and wellness, reading comprehension, organization, and personal safety. Currently, this is a once-monthly, day-long program that would be expanded to multiple days each month. Funds would support the expansion of our office space, enabling us to provide services to more individuals and create dedicated areas for hands-on experiences. These spaces will allow adults with Down syndrome to learn and practice essential day-to-day living skills such as cooking, laundry, self-care, time management, and personal safety.

Does your proposed project benefit persons within the Greater Fort Worth Area?

Yes or No

Approximate number of persons impacted by this program annually: 50

What is the primary need this program and/or these requested funds plan to address?

1. **Continuing Education:**
 - Access to post-secondary education opportunities tailored to their learning needs.
 - Vocational training programs to develop job-specific skills.
2. **Employment:**
 - Job placement services and support to find meaningful employment.
 - On-the-job training and workplace accommodations.
 - Career counseling and job coaching.
3. **Independent Living Skills:**
 - Training in daily living skills such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, and personal hygiene.
 - Money management, including budgeting, banking, and financial literacy.
 - Time management and organizational skills.
4. **Health and Wellness:**
 - Access to healthcare services that understand their specific medical needs.
 - Programs promoting physical fitness, nutrition, and mental health.
5. **Social Engagement:**
 - Opportunities to build and maintain social relationships and networks.
 - Social skills training to improve communication and interaction.
 - Inclusive recreational and leisure activities.
6. **Self-Advocacy and Independence:**
 - Encouragement and training in self-advocacy to express their needs and rights.
 - Support in navigating adult services and legal systems.

- Education on personal safety and awareness.
- 7. **Family and Community Support:**
 - Resources and support for families to assist in the transition process.
 - Community programs that foster inclusion and acceptance.
 - Mentorship programs connecting graduates with role models.
- 8. **Housing:**
 - Access to affordable and supportive housing options.
 - Guidance on living independently or with minimal support.

Addressing these needs helps individuals with Down syndrome lead fulfilling and independent lives post-graduation.

Is this an ongoing program or new initiative? Ongoing New

Does the project have sustainability or self-efficiency goals?
This program is supported by funds raised at our annual Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk held annually in October.

Project length (Timeline for completion, phase development, etc.)
This is an on-going program that is held monthly January - May and August - December.

What is the budget of said program/project? (2 of 3 Requested Attachments)

Foodie Philanthropy's donation may represent approximately what percentage of the total funding for the program/project?
50%

Why should we provide support for this program?

Evaluation:

What are the anticipated outcomes?

How will success (ROI) be measured?

Financial Background

Please attach the organization's overall annual budget. (3 of 3 Requested Attachment)

What percentage of your board financially supports your organization? _____

How many donors have you had in the last year at \$1,000+? _____

I understand that if selected our organization is responsible for supporting with restaurant outreach, including helping to secure 5 new restaurants for 2024.

I understand that if selected our organization is responsible for helping secure all table hosts, including at least 10

from our board, supporters, and staff.

I understand that if selected our organization is responsible for providing volunteers the week of the event to deliver restaurant packets and manage host packet pick up. We will also provide 15-20 volunteers the day and night of the event to manage set up of the After-Party, sell raffle tickets, and staff the After-Party.

Signature

Printed Name

Date