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Major Gifts Officer (aka: Donor Relations Director)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION
POSITION OPENINGS: 2
Orange County

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The Salvation Army seeks two Major Gifts Officers (Donor Relations Directors) for their Southern California Division. The Army is looking for compassionate, dynamic and entrepreneurial fundraising professionals with a minimum of five years’ individual giving/major gifts experience in a highly productive and progressive development and communications program within the nonprofit sector. Preference is given to those who have served in a faith-based organization and possess a strong working knowledge of the Greater Los Angeles or Orange County areas’ philanthropic community. The MGO/DRD will be creative, energetic and determined, with a talent to identify and develop opportunities for donors and The Salvation Army to come together.

The Salvation Army offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. The MGO/DRD position finalist will be required to submit a full background and reference checks.

The Salvation Army is committed to offering equal employment opportunity to all applicants and to all employees without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, genetic predisposition and/or any other lawfully protected classification or occupationally irrelevant criteria. Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V.

Specific Requirements Include:
• Passion for The Salvation Army’s mission coupled with a strong commitment to know and understand the Army’s history, mission and structure, as well as its services, policies and procedures.
• Bachelor’s Degree; Advanced degree and/or CFRE credential preferred.
• Minimum of five years of experience in a nonprofit fundraising role, with a proven track record of major gifts success and a strong working knowledge of strategy development and moves management systems in the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship processes.
• Highly effective interpersonal, conversational and presentational skills, demonstrating an emotional intelligence and situational awareness in tandem with excellent writing abilities and strong case development and sales pitch skills.
• Demonstrated expertise in developing and maintaining positive relationships with diverse individuals, including executives, high-level volunteers, wealthy donors, and internal stakeholders and leadership.
• Prowess in problem-solving, strategic and creative thinking, plus taking initiative with consistent and good follow-through.
• Great comfort level with direct donor interaction is a must, including discussions of personal and family finances and asking for major financial commitments.
• Team player, able to check ego at the door, with a capacity to collaborate effectively with officers, staff and volunteers for successful achievement of position and department goals.
• Communications and management style that exhibits the principles and culture of the Army, as well as fosters team relationships and effectively communicates information.
• Willingness and ability to travel on a regular basis. Valid Driver’s License required. Area residence is important.
• Ability to work remotely (on the road, from home and/or at various Army locations). It is anticipated that 80% of the donors are local to the position, but some travel related to donor management and/or organizational training is required.
• Experience in working independently in a fast-paced environment without extensive administrative support, and exceptional organizational abilities with fluency in managing multiple projects and competing priorities with professionalism and grace.
• Driven to make a difference, goal-oriented with a proven ability to achieve or exceed goals and meet deadlines.
• Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, hands-on experience with donor management software, and savvy in the maintenance of current contact and activity tracking reports (with adherence to the Army’s database protocols). Portfolio user background is preferred.

To Apply

To apply, candidates should submit their cover letter and resume and complete the online application at https://alfordexecutivesearch.applicantstack.com/x/openings.
To assure confidential tracking of all applicants, no applications will be accepted via email. ALL INQUIRIES WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

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