

**The White Family Foundation
2019 Grant Request
Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.**

Date of grant proposal submission	Wednesday, March 13, 2019
501c(3) organization	Yes
Legal name of organization	Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.
DBA name if Applicable	Eckerd Connects
Address	100 N. Starcrest Drive Clearwater, FL 33765-3224 United States
Website	http://www.eckerd.org
Telephone	(727)-461-2990
Organization Director/Title	David Dennis, President/CEO
Contact Person/Title	Kelly Rossi, Director
Contact Person's Telephone	(727)-461-2990 x3264
Contact Person's Email	krossi@eckerd.org
Grant Amount Requested	\$15,000.00
Grant Purpose (one paragraph)	<p>Eckerd Connects Raising Hope is a donation-based 501c3 nonprofit reliant on private dollars and in-kind donations from individuals, foundations, organizations, and other community partners. We are excellent stewards of all donated funds and items, leveraging these collective resources to operate 24/7/365 in multiple inventory-based storefronts by using donated space, utilities, clothing, personal hygiene items. Rooms of Hope locations are set up similar to retail stores and served 4,035 infants, children and teens last year. Staff and volunteers work diligently to create a positive shopping experience for traumatized children who often come straight to a Room of Hope from home removal and prior to processing into the foster care system. Serving ages 0-18, we need to offer a variety of sizes of each commodity. Extra inventory is often stored in a small back room. While purchasing in bulk offers a discount price, we struggle to accommodate a larger order. In Largo, we served 1735 children last year and funding is urgently needed to enhance the current storage area with shelving and bins for critical overstock. This will free up a portion of the that space to install a small fitting room to try on clothing. A defined dressing room has been requested particularly by youth ages 11-17 who need a specific shopping experience of an intimate, non-intrusive and tailored environment. The addition of dressing rooms will enhance the cheerful rooms allowing all children to feel welcomed and empowered by making selections for items they can call their own. Youth entering foster care can go to school with clothing that enables them to fit in with their peers and focus on learning. It gives them all hope. Room enhancements for Pinellas location: (13) shelving units \$630, (130) bins \$770 and (2) All Partitions & Parts Inc dressing units \$2,475 = \$3,875. As demands are high and donations cannot keep up, we seek additional funds for inventory purchases for Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco locations totaling \$11,125. Total Budget \$15,000.</p>
Annual Project /Program Budget (if request is for a specific project)	\$15,000.00
Annual Organization Budget	\$156,544.00



Submitted to:

The White Family Foundation

5/1/2019

- Proposal Narrative
- Non-Profit Status/501(c)(3) Determination Letter
- Program Budget
- Board Members/Board of Directors List
- Copy of the Raising Hope Brochure

Proposal Narrative

Clarity of Purpose

Founded in 1968 by Jack and Ruth Eckerd and headquartered in Clearwater, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects operates a Community-Based Care Lead Agency responsible for managing child welfare operations throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties, serving more than 7,000 vulnerable children each day. Raising Hope is a privately-funded, donation-based and volunteer-driven program of Eckerd Connects. Since 2006, the purpose of Raising Hope is *to provide tangible resources to foster children 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, instilling in them a sense of pride and dignity.*

Nationally, in 2018 the rate of children entering foster care due to parental drug abuse rose for the sixth consecutive year – a 5% increase from the previous year and 53% increase since 2007. Raising Hope bridges the resource gap faced by these traumatized children who will visit one of six Rooms of Hope locations in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough Counties. When child victims are placed in out of home care, their removal frequently happens at night or on weekends/holidays when other community resources are not available. Staff and volunteers work diligently to create a positive shopping experience to help ease the sense of displacement and loss children experience due to home removal. Arriving with a few tattered belongings tossed into a plastic bag, Rooms of Hope can provide emergency clothing, shoes, school supplies, hygiene items and baby supplies in support of infants, children and teens entering the foster care system.

In 2018 there were 37,709 Florida children in foster care. In our service area in greater Tampa Bay, 6,636 children are currently in foster care. Last year Raising Hope served 4,035 children. The program operates Rooms of Hope and is the only program in the greater Tampa Bay area offering 24/7 access to a resource room stocked with emergency provisions for children experiencing the traumatic, rapid transition from living at home to placement in foster care. When children are removed from abusive and neglectful homes, they often are brought to a Room of Hope during a period immediately after they have left their home but prior to placement at a foster home or group home. Most often these children come with few or inadequate belongings. Raising Hope volunteers ensure that all Rooms of Hope are stocked and ready (no appointment needed).

Keeping each Room of Hope location fully stocked is vital so that the community's most vulnerable children - those entering foster care, can quickly obtain emergency resources at no cost. Operated without public funding, we encounter high demands for our primarily donated resources. Essential day-to-day items that many of us take for granted are donated, picked up, sorted and made ready to distribute by Raising Hope. Staff reviews inventory and maintains a monthly wishlist of much needed clothing and hygiene items. Donations come from generous corporate partners, schools, faith-based organizations and individual community members. Volunteers help to sort and restock each Room of Hope to create a welcoming storefront.

Raising Hope is uniquely positioned to serve children entering the foster care system with locations accessible 24/7/365. With each Room of Hope filled with emergency provisions displayed like most retail stores, each child is encouraged to shop at no charge. They come into a bright and organized storefront with clothing on hangers arranged by size and shoes lined up on shelves. Each child entering the Room of Hope can fill a new duffel bag (*Bag of Hope*), from selections that may include several shirts; pairs of pants/shorts; pajamas; new socks; new undergarments; new shoes; a blanket or soft toy; hygiene items; school supplies and/or school uniforms and/or baby items and diapers.

When Child Protective Investigators (CPIs) determine a child is in imminent danger, removal occurs quickly with little or no time to prepare. Recently, a grandmother received a 3:00 pm call while at work and was told that her granddaughters, ages 2 and 4, had been removed from their mother's

custody due to neglect and alcohol abuse. The grandmother hurried home and with her husband they completed and passed the mandatory home study. Meanwhile, the children only had a few dirty outfits. The CPI brought the frightened girls to the Largo Room of Hope before making the placement and was quickly able to fill two duffel bags with new/clean clothing, pajamas, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, hair brushes, socks, underwear and shoes that fit. Each small child picked out a colorful fleece blanket bringing an instant smile to each small face. Timely access is paramount.

We seek private funds to purchase resources not donated in quantities that meet demand. Serving ages 0-18, for each commodity we need to offer a variety of sizes or be gender specific. Extra inventory is often stored in a small back room. While purchasing in bulk offers a discount price, we struggle to accommodate larger orders. This request to White Family Foundation for \$15,000 is to support program activities in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties.

Particular to our Largo location, where we served 1735 children last year, funding is urgently needed to enhance the current storage area with shelving and bins for critical overstock. This will free up a portion of the storage space to install a small fitting room to try on clothing. A defined dressing room has been requested particularly by youth ages 11-17 who need a specific shopping experience of an intimate and tailored environment. Trying on clothing can ease the worry that clothing fits properly. The addition of dressing rooms will enhance the cheerful rooms allowing all children to feel welcomed and empowered by making selections for items they can call their own. Youth entering foster care can go to school with clothing that enables them to fit in with their peers and focus on learning. It gives hope. Costs for room enhancements for the Largo location:

- (22) shelving units @ \$50 each = **\$1100**
 - (150) bins @ \$6 = **\$900**
 - (2) All Partitions & Parts Inc dressing units @ \$1,237.50 = **\$2,475**
- Sub-TOTAL: \$4475**

As demands are high and donations cannot keep up, we seek additional funds for inventory purchases for six locations. We leverage funds to buy in bulk, search discounted overstock, and use BOGO, coupons, or Ebates. Estimated costs based on pricing from national retail suppliers:

- Sturdy Duffel Bags (400 units) @ \$10 each = **\$4,000**
 - General Toiletries (1000 units) @ \$2 each = **\$2,000**
 - Specialty Products (250 units) @ \$4 each = **\$1,000**
 - Boy's Toiletries (400 units) @ \$2 each = **\$800**
 - Girls Toiletries (500 units) @ \$2 each = **\$1,000**
 - Lice Kits (115 units) @ \$15 each = **\$1,725**
- Sub-TOTAL: \$10,525**

Total White Family Foundation Request \$15,000

Potential for Success

In the Tampa Bay area, an average of seven children enter the foster care system daily. Removal reasons are numerous as are the results on the child's placement:

- 1 in 3 Florida children entered foster care due to parental drug abuse (ChildTrends 2017).
- Home removals of children/youth are also due to domestic violence; their caretaker's inability to cope; inadequate supervision; physical abuse; inadequate housing; abandonment; incarceration of a parent.
- Children ages 1 to 5 most often were placed with a relative foster family (kinship caregiving).

- The Federal government considers these children (newborn up to 18 years of age) low-income and classified as an indigent population.

A look at data (as of 12/31/18 www.dcf.state.fl.us) shows 37,693 Florida children were receiving child welfare services:

- **61.7% were receiving services while in out-of-home care,**
- 29.8% were receiving services while in their home and
- 8.5% were receiving prevention-based family support services.

For those **6 in 10 children that receive out-of-home care**, 13% were approved to live with relative caregivers; 43% with non-relative, 31% with licensed foster care households, 8% went into group care and 5% were assigned to other care. Any of these caregivers from the greater Tampa Bay area can be referred by investigators or social service providers to a Room of Hope.

Last year the program provided for 100% of the resource needs for 4,035 children who came to Rooms of Hope and may have filled a duffle bag with essential items. As we have noted to ensure safety, home removal often happens swiftly leaving many children transitioning into foster care lacking critical basic needs. The overarching goal of Rooms of Hope is to ensure that each child entering the welfare system in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties has access to emergency clothing, toiletries, school supplies and other resources needed to ease them and their caregivers through this stressful time. Arriving as victims, children and youth may visit a Room of Hope at no cost. No appointment is needed. This uplifting experience gives children and teens with few possessions a sense of control; a sense of pride. A promise of hope.

So, who do we help? Children do not ask to come into the child welfare system; they are brought into foster care as victims. Since 2006, Raising Hope has been serving these victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. Many come in worn-out shoes or in dirty clothing, with few possessions. This year, the Raising Hope program estimates serving more than 4000 children entering the foster care system providing clean clothes and basic hygiene needs. When a child is removed from their home, relative placements are sought prior to the foster care option for placement. This can give the child a home with kin and help maintain a closer family relationship.

The program's potential for success is best exhibited by the stories of those served. Often relative caregivers are retired and/or live on a fixed income, with emergency funds hard to find. In Pasco County last year, *Raising Hope provided Bags of Hope for two siblings in need. Due to domestic violence, two young children were removed at their school for safety and did not have any belongings with them. Each child received a new duffel bag brimming with 4 full outfits, socks, sneakers, underwear, PJs, and hygiene essentials including a lice kit. Additionally, as the children had to change schools, they were given the appropriate school clothing for their new school district.* While they were placed with a relative, State of Florida Relative Caregiver Funds (\$240 per month per child) typically take six weeks post-placement to be received by caretakers. Raising Hope is geared for this kind of urgent plea from relative caregivers faced with this type of emergency situation.

Leadership

The Raising Hope Advisory Board:

- Kim Greenleaf of Palm Harbor - Founder of the first Raising Hope
- Sharon Oliphant of Seminole, Statewide Director - General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Ryan Calvin of Clearwater, Catalina Marketing - Executive Director of Human Resources
- Christian Brayboy of Tarpon Springs, Q4Intelligence - Director of Marketing

The day-to-day operations are coordinated by two staff: Director, Kelly Rossi and Program Coordinator, Christina Needham. Ms. Rossi brings more than 26 years of experience in the child

welfare system having worked with Florida DCF in both protective investigations and protective services, court advocacy with the Guardian ad Litem program and diversion services with Eckerd Connects. For over 8 years, she has been the Director of Raising Hope overseeing all program operations. Ms. Needham served as a volunteer for two years before joining the staff in 2015. She maintains inventory control, coordinates donation pickup/drop-off, sorts donations, keeps rooms organized, coordinates/attends donation awareness drives and recruitment events to increase corporate volunteer days and ensures seasonally relevant items are available. Volunteers provide nearly 2,000 hours to assist in raising donations, sorting and stocking.

Financial Stability

For more than 13 years, Raising Hope has uniquely served a specialized population in the greater Tampa Bay area - children entering foster care. Historically it takes community partnerships to ensure the operational costs do not become an encumbrance to the effectiveness of the program:

- Targeted outreach through strong partnering with law enforcement, social service providers and (ECAs) all defined below, are the only organizations with responsibility for a child at the actual time of removal as all children enter the child welfare system through one of these providers. They help to identify children in need, act as a means of distribution with 24-hour access to a Room of Hope (use of security fob) and process transactions using an electronic inventory system streamlining staffing needs:
 - ✓ [Law enforcement](#): (CPID): Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigation Division, Pasco Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigation Division and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigation Division
 - ✓ [Social service providers](#): Youth and Family Alternatives, Lutheran Services Florida, Directions for Living, Devereaux, Suncoast Voices for Children. Additionally, Guardian ad Litem Program and Gulfcoast Safe at Home Diversion Program who access resources for children post-placement or among populations being diverted from the system.
 - ✓ [Eckerd Connects Community Alternatives](#): (ECAs): in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough Counties.
- There are no formal partnerships or collaborations, but co-locating enhances and expedites the process. Social service providers are a sub-contracted provider of case management and reunification services for Eckerd Connects. As such, they are provided secure access to Rooms of Hope. As a contractor under the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), ECAs works with the CPID who are also contracted with DCF. Raising Hope is recognized as a valuable resource for helping to ensure child safety and stability outcomes are met under these provider's DCF contracts.
- Essential day-to-day items that many of us take for granted are identified on our monthly wishlist then are donated, picked up, sorted and made ready to distribute by our partner volunteer groups. This assistance comes from generous corporate partners, schools, civic organizations, faith-based organizations and individual community members. We estimate the value of emergency donations at \$375,000. Last year volunteers contributed 1,964 hours for sorting, stocking and collecting donations. This provided a staffing value of nearly \$46,000 based on an hourly value determined by Independent Sector. Homebanc, Curves of Clearwater, Brightway Insurance/Dittman Agency and Tropical Scooters provide donation drop-off locations for easy community access.
- Last year we were also fortunate that the community stepped forward to help with pressing operational needs: 1) a generous donor purchased a new van dedicated to the Raising Hope program for pickups and deliveries; and 2) a community partner donated climate-controlled

storage space for 40 bins of winter clothing; freeing up valuable storefront space so more sizes can be displayed affording greater selection.

Measurements and Results

FY 2020 program outcomes:

Outcome 1: 100% of foster children/their caregivers will report obtaining emergency items improving a young victim's emotional well-being.

Measurement: Reports generated by the VEND system

The number of items distributed is tracked using an electronic inventory system (VEND) installed in each Rooms of Hope location, making data collection easy and reliable. Those assisting the child to collect resources such as the Sheriff Child Protective Division and child safety partners save time with this user-friendly system by recording transactions at the time of distribution. The system uses an iPad with icons similar to those found on smart phones and similar to a point of sale system used in retail stores. Updates are automatic to the total inventory and entries detail the items provided to each needy child.

Cumulative data reflecting total children served and inventory distributed is maintained using this electronic system. Last year, the system recorded 28,996 items were distributed. Our electronic inventory system will indicate whether the child received all needed items at time of intake. The data can be reported in a variety of ways to reflect daily, monthly, quarterly or yearly usage trends. At the end of each month, reports are run and analyzed to determine use of particular items, number of children served and restocking needs. For items not donated this tracking ensures an adequate supply of items are purchased with donated funds and remain stocked on the shelves. During time of high-usage, as indicated by previous year's report, inventory is monitored more frequently.

Outcome 2: Increase the number of work teams by (4) or a 5% increase through the **Raising Hope Day of Service** program for teams which annually are provided by corporate/community-based groups of volunteers.

Measurement: Each corporate/community-based event hosted by Raising Hope will use volunteer log sheets that will be tallied by the Program Coordinator. This summary will be added to the Raising Hope annual reporting.

Site visits

Raising Hope can provide site visits to any of its locations if requested.

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Department of the Treasury

Date: MAY 07 2015

Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.
100 Starcrest Drive
Clearwater, FL 33765

Employer Identification Number:
59-2551416
Person to Contact - ID Number:
Nancy Heagney - 0203105
Contact Telephone Number:
877-829-5500 Toll-Free
Form 990 Required:
Yes

Dear Sir or Madam:

In your letter dated March 24, 2015, you requested classification as a public charity described in section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In our letter dated September 1985, we determined that you were exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. We further determined that you weren't a private foundation and you were classified as a public charity described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Code.

Based on the information you provided, we determined you meet the requirements for classification as a public charity described in section 509(a)(2) of the Code.

Accordingly, we have updated your public charity status in our records as you requested.

Since your exempt status wasn't under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Grantors and contributors may generally rely on this determination of your foundation status unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice that you are no longer recognized as tax exempt or classified as a public charity in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. However, if a grantor or contributor takes any action, or fails to take any action, which causes you to lose your exempt status or causes you to be reclassified as a private foundation, that party cannot rely on this determination. Furthermore, a contributor or grantor who knows that the Internal Revenue Service has notified you of any change in your exempt status or foundation status cannot rely on this determination.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, *Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities*, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and/or foundation status, you should keep it with your permanent records.

Letter 4425 (Rev. 5-2011)
Catalog Number 52256W

Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.
59-2551416

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Rippstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Director, Exempt Organizations

**Eckerd Connects | Raising Hope | Program Budget
FY19 Budget**

Account Description	FY19 Approved Budget
Restricted Contributions	
Contributions Restricted for Operations	156,544
Total Restricted Contributions	<u>156,544</u>
Total Revenue	<u>156,544</u>
EXPENSE	
Salaries	
Salaries and Wages	84,664
Total Salaries	<u>84,664</u>
Benefits	
Taxes FICA	6,477
Taxes Unemployment	533
Worker's Compensation	423
Pension	2,540
Health Insurance	11,340
Total Benefits	<u>21,313</u>
Employee Related	
Background Screening	300
Training, Conferences & Meetings External	200
Total Employee Related	<u>500</u>
Supplies & Materials	
Office supplies	300
Postage	780
Total Supplies & Materials	<u>1,080</u>
Travel	
Mileage	5,000
Vehicle Rental	200
Lodging	500
Meals	150
Other travel	186
Total Travel	<u>6,036</u>
Telephone	
Cell Phone	1,800
Total Telephone	<u>1,800</u>
General	
Printing and Copying	500
Promotional Materials	500
Dues	150
White Family Foundation (Detail Below)	15,000
Client Related	25,000
Total General	<u>41,150</u>
Total Expense	<u>156,544</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	0

White Family Foundation Expenses

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Total Request White Family Foundation = **\$15,000**

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Eckerd Raising Hope

Did you know that every two minutes a child is removed from his or her home due to abuse or neglect?

When children are removed from abusive or neglectful homes they often have inadequate, dirty or stained clothing, and little else. They carry their few belongings in a trash bag. These children deserve more and Raising Hope is here to help!

Eckerd Raising Hope serves over 3,000 kids of all ages each year. When a child enters a ROOM OF HOPE they discover a cheerful, store-like room where they can "shop" for clothes, toiletries, shoes, school uniforms, comfort items and more. Plus, each child is given a brand new duffel bag to carry their belongings. No more trash bags!

Entering into foster care can be scary and confusing. Raising Hope ensures that each child has clean clothes and other basic items so that they can retain their pride and dignity through a traumatic time.

Eckerd Raising Hope is a program of Eckerd Connects, a locally-based nonprofit organization that has given much-needed second chances to nearly 200,000 children and families since 1968.

For additional information, please visit our website at Eckerd.org/RaisingHope.

Eckerd.org/RaisingHope
Toll Free (855) 450-HOPE (4673)
EckerdRaisingHope@Eckerd.org

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ROOMS OF HOPE | LOCATIONS

Eckerd Community Alternatives
8550 Ulmerton Road, Suite 130
Largo, FL 33771
(727) 456-0600

Eckerd Community Alternatives
36739 State Road 52, Suite 201
Dade City, FL 33525
(352) 521-1266

Eckerd Community Alternatives
7916 Evolutions Way, Suite 102
Trinity, FL 34655
(727) 569-1740

Eckerd Community Alternatives
9391 N Florida Ave
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 225-1105

ADDITIONAL DROP OFF SITES

Eckerd Support Center
100 Starcrest Drive
Clearwater, FL 33765
(727) 461-2990

Curves of Clearwater
1701 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33764

**Brightway Insurance,
Dittman Agency**
3705 Tampa Road, Suite 1
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Home Banc
2046 Bayshore Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698

Tropical Scooters
11610 Seminole Blvd.
Largo, FL 33778

BECOME A HOPE RAISER



Eckerd RAISING HOPE
CONNECTS

Become a **HOPE RAISER** Making a difference is easy!



WISH LIST

CLOTHING ITEMS*

- ▶ New & gently-used clothing
- ▶ New socks
- ▶ New undergarments
- ▶ New PJs
- ▶ New shoes (athletic shoes only)

*All infant, children and teen sizes needed.

TOILETRY ITEMS

- ▶ Shampoo and conditioner
- ▶ African-American hair products
- ▶ Razors and shaving cream
- ▶ Body wash, lotion and deodorant
- ▶ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ▶ Feminine hygiene products
- ▶ Lice treatment

BABY ITEMS

- ▶ Sleepers and onesies
- ▶ Diapers, pull-ups and wipes
- ▶ Baby shampoo, wash and lotion
- ▶ Baby formula (dry and canned)
- ▶ Baby bottles and pacifiers

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- ▶ Backpacks
- ▶ Notebook paper and folders
- ▶ Crayons, pencils and markers

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS

- ▶ Duffel bags
- ▶ New stuffed animals

DONATE NOW. OUR KIDS NEED YOUR HELP!

GIFT OF HOPE GUIDE

- \$10 = 1 hygiene pack
- \$20 = 1 new pair of sneakers
- \$30 = 1 box of diapers
- \$40 = 1 complete outfit
- \$50 = 1 complete backpack with school supplies
- \$100 = School uniforms for a week

DONATE ITEMS

Donations of new and gently-used items from our Wish List are always needed.

ORGANIZE DRIVES

Individuals and groups are needed to organize drives to collect clothing and other Wish List items that fill the ROOMS OF HOPE.

VOLUNTEER

Caring individuals & groups are needed to volunteer in our ROOMS OF HOPE to sort donations, stock shelves, and help spread hope!



I would like to become a **HOPE RAISER**

I am interested in: (Please mark all that apply)

Donating \$ _____

Donate online at Give.Eckerd.org/RaisingHope

Check enclosed (Make payable to Eckerd Raising Hope)

Credit card - Please provide billing address below
(We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover)

Card # _____

Exp. Date ____ / ____ Security Code: _____

Signature _____

Volunteering

Joining the mailing list

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Detach and mail completed form with check (if applicable) to:

Eckerd Raising Hope | ATTN: Fund Development
100 Starcrest Drive | Clearwater, FL 33765

WANT TO MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER IMPACT
Contact Raising Hope for information about sponsorships.

ECKERD YOUTH ALTERNATIVES (ECKERD CONNECTS) IS A 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA UNDER THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS ACT (REGISTRATION CH12718). A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

Eckerd.org/RaisingHope Toll Free (855) 450-HOPE (4673) EckerdRaisingHope@Eckerd.org

+ Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Clearwater, FL

[Print](#)

Also Soliciting as

- Eckerd
- Eckerd Connects
- Eckerd Kids And Eckerd Community Alternatives

Registration Number :CH12718

Expiration Date : 9/13/2019

Revenue Source : 08 - IRS 990 w/ Sch.A and Audit (06/30/2017)

Total Revenue : \$210,417,515.00

Program Services Expenses : \$194,472,453.00 **92%**

Total Expenses : \$211,931,802.00

Administrative Expenses : \$16,828,532.00 **8%**

Surplus/Deficit : **-\$1,514,287.00**

Fundraising Expenses : \$630,817.00 **0%**