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Donation Campaign Supporting the Internet Society

The Internet Society (ISOC) will be launching an end-of-year Donation Campaign on November 28, 2017. All individual members and prior donors will receive an email message inviting them to make a donation to support the mission of the Internet Society.

Questions and Answers:

Why is ISOC asking members to make a donation?

As a global community, ISOC's work for an open, global and trusted Internet is amplified through the support of our members. Together, we can do more for the Internet.

This donation campaign is just one way for us to deepen our collaboration as we work together to build our presence and strengthen our impact around the world. Other ways for members to get involved include things like supporting local Chapters, participating in events, networking and sharing expertise on challenging issues, and applying for grants and leadership development opportunities to further their work.

There is always a greater – and growing – demand for our expertise than ISOC can meet from its current resources. ISOC does receive significant funding from Public Interest Registry (PIR) proceeds, but member contributions will expand on this to allow greater support for current programs such as fellowships, connecting the unconnected and keeping the Internet secure, to name a few.

Our members frequently ask how they can tangibly support our work. This fundraising not only provides an easy way for members to make a donation, but it is also important as a US-based, not-for-profit organization and our 501(c)(3) status to show that we have support from a wide variety of voluntarily contributed sources.

How will the funds be spent?

All donations will support the broad range of Internet Society programs. Things like training for the next generation of Internet leaders, expertise and equipment to build Internet networks in communities that need access, and smart standards and policy-making so the Internet continues to be safe, open, and a means of opportunity for people around the globe.

Will ISOC provide an update on how the donations made a difference?

Yes. After the campaign we will send an update email in December to all donors who made a contribution, letting them know about the results of the campaign, and later on about some of the successes we've achieved as a result.

I am planning to or am already giving to my local Chapter. Will this replace that donation?

Some members already contribute to the work of their local Chapters, and we encourage you to continue this support as a powerful way to advance Internet Society's mission in your own community. A donation to the Internet Society as a global organization is an additional way to support our shared mission on a world-wide scale.

Does the Internet Society sell and buy mailing lists like other not-for-profits/charities?

No. This campaign is directed only to ISOC individual members and prior donors.

Rest assured, ISOC does not sell or buy lists. And we protect our member and donor privacy, as described in our Privacy Policy [here](#).

Will I receive a tax receipt?

Contributors will receive a confirmation of donation. Only US citizens will be eligible to use the receipt for tax purposes.

What are ISOC's administration costs for fundraising?

The Internet Society will direct 100% of donations to the many programs that support a free and open Internet and to provide access to the Internet around the globe.

Can I take my name off future donation mailings?

Yes. Anyone can request to be removed from future emails requesting donations. Please email donate@isoc.org.

If I have questions relating to the campaign, who can I contact?

Please email your questions or suggestions to donate@isoc.org, and a member of the Partnership team will respond to you promptly.