



At this time of year, we are often reminded of those around us who are in need. As a way of giving back, Whipstitch Capital team members each select a nonprofit organization they would like to support, and Whipstitch makes a donation on that team member's behalf.

Our team's selections inspire us, so during this season of giving, we want to share more about each organization chosen and the motivation behind each selection.



Nicolas McCoy
One Step Closer



I chose **One Step Closer (OSC2)** because of its action and thought leadership in justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and sustainability. Through the JEDI Collaborative, Climate Collaborative, Packaging Collaborative, and Women's Circle, they are advancing these initiatives in the natural products industry and more broadly. In addition to making the world a better place, sustainability and JEDI are both economically responsible drivers of growth in consumer brands since younger, climate-conscious consumers are increasing their purchasing power, and the US population is increasingly becoming diverse.





Mike Burgmaier
BeLoved Asheville



Earlier this year, I pointed my donation to the relief organization **BeLoved Asheville**, whose goals are Home, Health, Equity, and Opportunity for the people of greater Asheville, NC. Over the past four years, Rachel and I have begun to set roots in Asheville, along with Maine.

We are heartbroken by the recent devastation and suffering caused by Hurricane Helene. BeLoved assists with rapid response to crises that impact the community. Our hearts go out to those who have lost so much and are still suffering in this beautiful part of the world. In the greatest time of need, BeLoved assisted with the basics: food, water, and shelter.



Andress Blackwell
The Red Barn



This year, I have chosen to support **The Red Barn** in Birmingham, AL. I have had the good fortune to witness how horses can play a magical role in people's lives. The Red Barn is dedicated to educational, therapeutic, and equine-assisted programs that benefit individuals with disabilities and special

circumstances, especially low-income families.



Tim Sousa
Dana Farber Cancer Institute



This year, I donated to the **Dana Farber Cancer Institute** to support a college teammate's healing journey and others who battle Ewings Sarcoma.



Chris Neils
The First Tee



I selected **First Tee of San Francisco** as my charity of choice this year. As an avid golfer and someone who was introduced to the game at a very young age by my dad, I believe golf teaches kids various lessons they can carry with them throughout their lives, including integrity and etiquette. I firmly believe in providing our

youth with more access to the game.



Kathy Foster
St. Vincent de Paul



My charity this year is **St. Vincent de Paul**, of which my late father was an active member for many decades and my mother continues to serve. He assisted with the food pantry, handed out turkey dinners to those in need during the holiday, and visited community members to help wherever he was needed. The organization strives to offer support and resources to individuals and families facing economic challenges and hardships through various programs and initiatives. Community members contact St. Vincent de Paul requesting medical, utility, and transportation assistance—no request is too big or too small. This donation will go a long way in assisting those less fortunate during the winter months and beyond, and all funds will go directly to those in need.



Nate Cronin
The Herren Project



The **Herren Project** is a charity supporting individuals and families affected by addiction. It seems we all have a connection to someone impacted by addiction, and I'm proud to support an organization that provides comprehensive resources to those directly and indirectly affected.



Julianne Slavin
Ellie Fund



This year, I've selected the **Ellie Fund**, an organization dedicated to providing vital support services for women and men who are currently undergoing breast cancer treatment. The Ellie Fund offers assistance in various forms, such as groceries, transportation, housekeeping, childcare support, and oncology massage therapy. These services aim to eliminate obstacles that often lead to disparities in health outcomes. Organizations like the Ellie Fund play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for those fighting breast cancer.



Taylor Ulrich
Bronx Lacrosse /
New York Marathon



Having met some of my closest college friends through lacrosse, I admire **Bronx Lacrosse's** mission to provide opportunities to underserved students, using lacrosse to build community, invest students in school, and improve academics. I first learned about Bronx Lacrosse in college through my friend and roommate, Lilly.

When Lilly passed away following our graduation, I met Dan, the founder of Bronx Lacrosse, at her celebration of life. I was amazed by his passion for the organization and the lacrosse community. Every donation helps Bronx Lacrosse continue providing premier athletic, academic, and social programming to students in the Bronx – something Lilly would have loved to continue supporting.



Jake Rasch
NMDP



I chose the **National Marrow Donor Program** (formerly Be The Match Foundation) as my nonprofit this year. Their mission is to connect bone marrow donors with patients in need and fund life-saving transplants, a cause that is both inspiring and transformative. This initiative holds personal significance for me, as someone I admire was

impacted by an illness the foundation seeks to address. During my time at Colby, this individual championed Be The Match, inspiring many—including me—to join the donor registry. Since submitting my tests as a potential donor, I have remained committed to supporting this vital cause.



Ryan Murray
National Alliance on
Mental Illness



I selected **the National Alliance on Mental Illness New Hampshire (NAMI NH)** as my charity to donate to this year because their work in mental health and suicide prevention deeply resonates with me. Suicide prevention is a cause that I feel passionate about, as it saves lives and brings hope to individuals and families in crisis. NAMI NH's

dedication to education, advocacy, and support for those affected by mental illness makes a real difference in our community. By contributing to their mission, I want to help ensure that no one faces these challenges alone.”



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