



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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**Registry General**

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Your Ref:

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Patricia Burchall  
Bernews

Dear Mrs. Burchal,

**RE: Fundraising Appeals**

We have noted that from time to time there are public appeals made via the local media to raise funds to assist persons in need, such as to pay for medical or educational expenses.

While we appreciate that persons behind such appeals generally have good intentions, please note that pursuant to section 42 of the Charities Act 2014 (“the Act”), it is an offence for a person, other than a registered charity or person acting on behalf of such charity, to solicit funds or receive from any member of the public a donation for any charitable purpose or for any professed purpose which is otherwise benevolent. The exception is a person who has been issued a temporary fundraising licence by the Registrar General pursuant to section 43 of the Act.

Accordingly, the media should ensure that any requests for their assistance in making public appeals to raise funds for charitable or benevolent purposes, are made by registered charities, or persons in possession of a temporary fundraising licence, before agreeing to assist. As it is a criminal offence to raise funds for a charitable or benevolent purpose without obtaining the required status or licence, media outlets that broadcast or publish such appeals may be liable for aiding and abetting criminal activity pursuant to section 42(3) of the Act.

Please note that persons who do not wish to obtain a temporary fundraising licence may enlist the assistance of a registered charity to engage in public fundraising on their behalf.



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Yours sincerely,

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Registrar General

cc. Randy Rochester,  
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