How can you contribute?

Your contribution can be made to Kentucky Hospitals' Circle of Friends through a personal check or a personal credit card. A contribution card must accompany each check for record-keeping purposes. Fifty percent of contributions $250 and over will be sent to AHAPAC unless designated otherwise by contributor.

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The Kentucky Hospitals’ Circle of Friends is the political action committee of the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA). Circle of Friends supports candidates in Kentucky’s elections and supports federal candidates through the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee (AHAPAC).

**What are PACs?**

Political action committees (PACs) make contributions to candidates running for political office. The purpose of the Circle of Friends PAC is to assist candidates, who have been “friends” of the hospital field, to get re-elected and to support newcomers to political office in their campaigns. PAC contributions are another way that the hospital field gains access to our elected officials.

**How the PAC works.**

The Kentucky Hospitals’ Circle of Friends is KHA’s political action committee. Circle of Friends contributes only to candidates running for state offices, such as state Senators and Representatives. Kentucky election finance laws limit the amount of any PAC contribution to a candidate to $1,000 per election. Contributions can also be made to a political party or political party caucus and are limited to $2,500 per year.

Decisions on candidate contributions are made by the Circle of Friends Board, consisting of hospital chief executive officers from around the state. KHA member chief executive officers can request contributions be given to a particular candidate.

\[\text{The American Hospital Association Political Action Committee contributes money to candidates running for Congress. The board makes the contribution decisions at the federal level. State hospital associations or AHA member hospital chief executive officers can request a campaign contribution for a particular candidate.}\]

Eligible contributions to Kentucky Hospitals’ Circle of Friends will be divided between Circle of Friends and the AHAPAC.

**Who can contribute?**

Hospital PACs are limited to soliciting contributions from the hospital “family.” KHA and the American Hospital Association can only accept contributions from people associated with our members. Neither PAC can accept corporate contributions. This also means that all contributions must be made by personal check or personal credit card.

**Please note.**

Contributions or gifts to the political action committee are not tax deductible. Federal law requires the PAC to use its best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of the employer of individuals whose contributions exceed $100 in a calendar year.

An individual is limited to a total of $1,500 in contributions to all state PACs per year.

Please remember that 25 percent of a hospital’s goal can be met through direct contributions to candidates.

**Contribution levels.**

- A $1,000 contribution puts you in the exclusive Millennium Circle, and the American Hospital Association’s Ben Franklin Club.
- A $600 contribution to Circle of Friends will earn you a place in the Chairman’s Circle.
- A $350 contribution to Circle of Friends will earn you a place in the Capitol Club.
- A $100 contribution will earn you a place in the Inner Circle.

Contributions for any amount are gratefully accepted and all those contributing to the Circle of Friends or AHAPAC will be invited to attend a special recognition lunch during the KHA Legislative Conference in the fall. Each contribution over $350 will be acknowledged in the KHA Convention Program Book.