



Joe Rich Society - Community Update, May 2024

We would like to address some confusion regarding the relationship between the Joe Rich Society (JRS) and the Community Cares Project (CCP) and other community groups.

It is important to clarify that the CCP is not a division of the Joe Rich Society. While the CCP has benefited from JRS's support in the past, it remains a separate entity. This distinction is crucial, as it informs how we can collaborate within the parameters set by our operating agreement with RDCO. Historically, vendor table fees at our Joe Rich Community Market and kitchen meal donations at our markets were directed to the CCP, which is a breach of our agreement with RDCO.

According to our RDCO operating agreement and subsequent discussions with RDCO, JRS is not permitted to allow fundraising for other groups during JRS-run events.

Agreement Excerpt:

"Section 3.5: The Society acknowledges and agrees that any monies it raises through fundraising efforts using the Centre as the focus thereof, shall be used by the Society for the management and programming of the Centre."

Link to operating agreement here: www.joerichsociety.com/uploads/1/0/2/4/102406432/2022-2024_joe_rich_community_hall_operating_agreement_-_final_signed__1_.pdf

This policy applies to any group wishing to fundraise at a JRS event. Any group wishing to fundraise must rent the hall and host their own events independently, so long as it does not interfere with JRS Events and supports the whole community.

Our compliance with the RDCO directive is a necessary adherence to our contractual obligations, not a personal decision against the CCP, we regret any misunderstanding.

To support the CCP within these guidelines, we have offered the use of the hall at a nominal rate for their independent events and fundraisers. They can utilize their own communication channels, such as social media, their website, emails, and news outlets, to promote their cause and raise funds.

We have a section on our website with links to all community groups and CCP information is also on there: <https://www.joerichsociety.com/community-committeesclubs1.html>

The Joe Rich Society acknowledges the significant contributions of the Community Cares Project to our community. Many board members have personally supported the CCP with donations of money, time, food, and skills, and will continue to do so as individuals. However, as a society, we must abide by the RDCO operating agreement and can no longer permit fundraising for any group at JRS events.

We hope this clarification resolves any confusion. We wish the CCP continued success in their initiatives. We remain committed to assisting them, and any other group who wish to raise funds and benefit the community in any way that align with our agreement.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Board of Directors

Joe Rich Society