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**State of Tennessee**



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Linda L. Williams  
President  
Rise Foundation, Inc.  
2650 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 2400  
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RE: **APPROVAL** - Registration to Solicit Funds for Charitable Purposes  
Rise Foundation, Inc. - CO5477  
Registration Expiration Date: **October 31, 2016**

Dear Linda L. Williams:

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-101-501, *et seq.*, the Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming has reviewed your submitted application and is pleased to announce your organization's registration to solicit contributions has been approved.

With this approval, your organization has new responsibilities for maintaining statutory compliance, including submission of the proper documents and required fees on an annual basis. The required filings include:

- Completed *Application to Renew Registration* form
- Completed *Summary of Financial Activities* form
- IRS determination letter granting tax-exempt status, if not previously filed
- IRS *Form 990*, *Form 990EZ*, or *990N* for the most recently completed accounting year, if the organization qualifies as tax-exempt
- An audited financial statement if the organization grossed more than \$500,000 in revenue
- Any amendments to the organization's governing documents

The *Application to Renew Registration* and *Summary of Financial Activities* forms are available on our website at <http://sos.tn.gov/charitable>. Additionally, the "CO" number listed above will serve as your organization's identification number specific to this division and should be included on all correspondence.

Please also be advised that if the organization's application or other provided information includes false, misleading or deceptive statements, appropriate action will be taken. Pursuant to the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act, a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) may be assessed for any violation.

Thank you for registering your organization and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tre Hargett  
Secretary of State

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