BiddingForGood Terms of Use

Welcome to FrontStream! The following explains the relationship between you and BiddingForGood, Inc. d/b/a FrontStream (“FrontStream”) and applies to your use of FrontStream’s BiddingForGood online auction software (collectively, the “Software”). Please read these Terms and indicate your acceptance by following the instructions below. If you do not agree to be bound by these Terms, do not access the BiddingForGood Web site (the “Site”) or use the Software.

The following describes the terms of our relationship:

1. Your Feedback
FrontStream greatly appreciates any feedback or suggestions you have on the Software and the Site. From time to time we may contact you to ask for such feedback or suggestions. If you do provide us with feedback or suggestions, you understand that FrontStream may use that information to improve our products and services.

2. Bidding and Payment
If you intend to buy an item offered in a fundraising event, you agree that you are obligated to complete the transaction with the seller (unless the transaction violates the law or these Terms) if: (a) you are the highest bidder for an item at the end of an auction (assuming you meet any minimum bid or reserve requirements for the specific auction), and your bid is accepted by the seller; or (b) you purchase an item that is offered for a fixed-price. Payment will be due immediately upon the completion of the auction for your item. If applicable, you agree to pay any sales, use or value added tax on your purchase, as well as any shipping or delivery charges.

You should be aware that the seller may include sales conditions or other terms in the item’s description. You should be sure to read the description carefully, because by bidding on the item you are agreeing to all the terms contained in the description (unless any of the terms violate these Terms or applicable law). Buyers cannot retract their bids. Anyone registering to bid in a FrontStream auction must meet the minimum age requirements according to the geographic area where you reside. In addition, by registering for an auction, FrontStream may contact you about promotions or special offers related to products or services on which you have bid. You may unsubscribe from receiving such information at any time.

Finally, you agree that you are purchasing items for your own use or consumption, and under no circumstances may you resell or redistribute any items purchased in a FrontStream auction (other than to give them as gifts). Should you violate the preceding sentence, you will be fully liable to both FrontStream and the organization holding the auction, and you will be prohibited from participating in any other FrontStream events.
3. Donations
If you wish to donate an item to a fundraising event, you agree that: (a) FrontStream and/or the holder of the event cannot guarantee that the event will include your item in the event or that it will ultimately be sold; (b) the holder of the event may, in its discretion, change the description of the item or its assigned value without your approval; and (c) FrontStream or the holder of the event reserves the right to reject any item which is obscene, fraudulent, defamatory, in violation of law, or which would otherwise be offensive to other users. If the item does not sell in the event for which it was donated, the item will become the property of the event-holder. You should consult your tax advisor and/or the organization holding the event regarding the tax implications of your donation.

4. Privacy and Keeping Information Confidential
Because the privacy of your personal information is very important to us, FrontStream will not disclose to third parties any identifying personal information gathered from you unless (a) we tell you how your information will be used and you give FrontStream specific permission to share this information, (b) FrontStream is required to disclose such information by any applicable law or legal process (like a subpoena or court order), or (c) as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Policy.

By accepting these Terms, you acknowledge that you have read and understood FrontStream’s Privacy Policy. FrontStream may change its Privacy Policy at any time upon notice to its users.

In addition, we both agree that each party may possess information which it considers to be confidential and is not to be shared with others. For example, FrontStream’s technology, software and processes fall into this category. We each agree to keep these types of information confidential (as well as any other information that one of us identifies as confidential) and not to use it for any other purpose. There are some exceptions to this: (a) information which was already public when it was disclosed (or is later made public by the owner), (b) information which the recipient receives from someone else who is not under confidentiality obligations, (c) information which was generated independently by the receiving party, or (d) information which is required to be disclosed under a court order.

5. FrontStream
When you participate in an auction for which the seller has elected to use the Software, you may, depending on your jurisdiction and applicable laws, receive emails from FrontStream about other auctions. In addition, by joining the FrontStream community, you may be invited to participate in user groups and other marketing activities. If at any point you no longer wish to receive these communications from us, you may opt out by communicating your preference to us using the contact information provided in our Privacy Policy, or in the case of e-mails, by clicking on the opt-out or “unsubscribe” link included at the bottom of the e-mails you receive.
6. Taxes
If there are taxes, other governmental charges or any other fees associated with your purchase (you should consult your tax adviser on this issue), these will be your responsibility to pay.

7. Requirements
The Software and the Site are available only to users who are 18 years of age or older; if you are under the age of 18, you can use the Software and/or the Site only under the supervision of your parent or guardian. Be sure to check with your advisers regarding any legal requirements that may apply to your event (such as state or provincial filing requirements or regulations relating to the purchase of tobacco, firearms, alcohol, livestock and motor vehicles). You are responsible for complying with all applicable requirements, and as such you agree to reimburse FrontStream for any costs or damages which FrontStream may incur relating to these requirements or otherwise arising from your noncompliance with these requirements.

8. FrontStream’s Role
FrontStream’s role is to facilitate online fundraising events. We are not involved in the actual transaction between sellers and buyers, and, as such, we have no control over the quality, safety or legality of the items advertised, the truth or accuracy of the listings, the ability of sellers to sell items or the ability of buyers to pay for items. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that two parties will actually complete a transaction. FrontStream is not acting as auctioneer or as an agent for you or the sellers, and is not conducting an auction. There is no contract of sale between you and FrontStream; the only contract of sale is between you and the seller.

9. Links to Other Web Sites
The Site may contain links to third-party Web sites and other resources. FrontStream assumes no responsibility for the availability or content of these outside sites and resources. Therefore, any concerns you may have regarding any other site should be directed to the relevant site administrator or webmaster.

10. Security
Please notify FrontStream’s webmaster at webmaster@FrontStream.com promptly in the event of any known or suspected loss, theft or unauthorized disclosure of your login, password or any other personal information. Users are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality and security of this information.

11. Termination
Either party may terminate these Terms if the other party violates these Terms in any important way.

12. Right to Use the Site and Software
As long as you comply with these Terms, FrontStream gives you the right to use the Site and the Software to bid on items on online auctions. You agree that the Software is valuable to FrontStream (and constitutes a proprietary trade secret of FrontStream under the law) and that FrontStream retains all intellectual property rights to the Software (and to any related materials, information and processes). These are the only rights granted to you. You agree not to modify, copy, disclose, reverse-engineer, decompile, disassemble or create derivative works from the Software or disclose or provide access to the Software to anyone else. You agree not to remove or modify any of FrontStream’s copyright and other proprietary notices included with the Software.

13. Events Outside of One’s Control
Each of us acknowledges that events may happen outside of one’s control (such as wars, riots, labor strikes, natural disasters, the infrastructure of the Internet, or any law, regulation or other act or order of a court or government agency), and that neither party should be responsible if it cannot meet its obligations as a result of such an event. Specifically, we cannot be responsible for any mobile phone or wireless connectivity issues you may experience while bidding and/or at a live event.

14. Contributing to the Site
One of FrontStream’s general goals is to foster and improve communication and productivity among those engaged in non-profit fundraising. FrontStream hopes users of the Software will actively participate in growing this community by exchanging information, contacts, and ideas with fellow users.

That being said, contributions and comments from users must be consistent with the values and goals of FrontStream and must comply with applicable laws. You may not contribute or post messages, descriptions or other content that is abusive, defamatory, obscene, fraudulent, in violation of applicable laws, or which would otherwise be offensive to other users. Please note that FrontStream cannot prevent users from placing prohibited content on the Site. In addition, FrontStream does not monitor every communication posted on the Site. Upon notification of inappropriate material, FrontStream reserves the right to remove the content without notice to the contributor.

In addition, please note that the information, advice, facts, opinions and other content appearing on the Site posted, uploaded or distributed by any users or other third parties are those of the respective authors and do not reflect the views of FrontStream. FrontStream assumes no responsibility or liability for these materials.

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Because some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion of implied warranties or conditions, or the limitation of liability for consequential or incidental damages, the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you. In such jurisdictions, FrontStream’s liability is limited to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Because we are an intermediary, in the event that you have a dispute with one or more users, you release FrontStream (and our officers, directors, employees and agents) from any and all claims, demands and damages of every kind and nature, known and unknown, disclosed and undiscovered, arising out of or in any way connected with such
disputes. If you are a California resident, you waive California Civil Code §1542, which says: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

17. Other Legal Items
The laws of Massachusetts will apply to these Terms. For disputes involving an amount less than $10,000, the parties agree to resolve the dispute through binding arbitration to be held in Boston, Massachusetts under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Notices delivered under these Terms must be delivered in writing and will be effective when received. These Terms is the complete statement of our understanding regarding these matters, and no other document or discussion will apply. You agree that these Terms are personal to you and may not be transferred to anyone else without FrontStream’s prior written consent.

You agree to indemnify and defend FrontStream from and against all claims, losses, expenses, damages, liabilities and costs, including reasonable legal fees and expenses (collectively, “Losses”), resulting from (a) any violation of these Terms and (b) any activity (including negligent or wrongful conduct) by you in connection with your use of the Software or the Site. FrontStream reserves the right, at its own expense, to assume the exclusive defense and control of any matter subject to indemnification hereunder.

As with any technology, you agree not to export the Software to any country for which an export license or other governmental approval is required (including allowing anyone outside of the U.S. or Canada to access the Software remotely) without first obtaining such license or approval. The disclaimers and limitations of liability above also benefit FrontStream’s suppliers and licensors and the non-profit organizations holding the auctions. The relevant terms and conditions above will survive termination of these Terms.

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