

# **SCRIP/GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is "Scrip"?**

"Scrip" is simply another name for "Gift Cards". If you have ever used a gift card, then you've used scrip. The program allows parents, friends, relatives, and others to purchase gift cards through our organization from selected merchants, which then return a percentage of the money to us. These gift certificates are available for many local and national merchants, which you visit during many of your weekly activities.

### **Where can I use these Scrip/Gift Cards?**

The stores themselves issue their own gift cards. For example, a Dillard's gift card is issued by Dillard's and is good only at Dillard's. It is the exact same gift card you would receive if you walked into Dillard's and purchased one right in the store.

### **How do I use Scrip/Gift Cards?**

The great part about this program is that stores treat gift cards just like cash. This means that you present them for payment at the register. You can use gift cards to shop for everyday items, pay for your gasoline, or give as gifts. However you choose to use these gift cards, our organization wins.

### **How does our organization make money?**

UnitedScrip (our scrip company) purchases the scrip/gift cards from each merchant in large, bulk quantities at discounted rates. UnitedScrip then makes these gift certificates available to non-profit organizations also at a discounted rate. Our organization then sells these same gift cards to our families and friends at face value. The difference between the discount rate and the face value is our profit.

### **What if I don't use the whole amount on the face of the Scrip/Gift Card?**

#### **Will I get change back?**

Since the scrip/gift cards are like debit cards, they usually carry the amount on the card as a balance until you have spent the whole amount. Most stores will not give change back if you do not use the entire amount of scrip/gift card in one purchase. However, each store has its own change-back policy, so make sure you ask a store representative before you shop if you are not sure. In addition, if your purchases are more than the amount on your scrip/gift card, you can pay the difference with any other method convenient to you (i.e. cash, credit card, debit card, etc.).

### **Is there a limit on the amount of Scrip/Gift Cards I can use at any one store?**

No. They will gladly take as much money as you want to spend in their store, regardless of how you spend it.

### **Can I use Scrip/Gift Cards to pay on my store charge card?**

Sometimes, but only at those stores that designate that this can be done. As with the change-back policies, the charge account payment policies differ from store to store. If you are not sure, clarify the policy of the store where your charge account is before you purchase scrip/gift cards.

### **Are there geographical restrictions on where I can use Scrip/Gift Cards?**

Only as designated by the presence of the store. If a store has locations nationwide, that means you can even buy scrip/gift cards as gifts for those long lost relatives.