
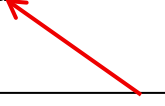


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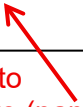

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1	Chair Photo:	Walk-in-bump music suggestions: Heart and Soul – piano version
2	Photo: Entering Firefighters Entering Firefighters Photo: Maderia Beach Maderia Beach.jpg <div data-bbox="378 915 691 1037" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	In the blink of an eye... life changes. A fire destroys a lifetime of memories. A storm floods the only place someone calls home.
3	Photo: From This FromThis.jpeg <div data-bbox="516 1157 829 1278" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	A pink slip arrives, unexpected, unwanted and devastating And life quickly changes from this
4	Photo: To this Photo: ToThis.mov <div data-bbox="269 1465 711 1507" style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;"> //play 4 second video clip// </div>	To This
5	P: LC Wreath LC 2 wreath.jpeg <div data-bbox="362 1724 675 1845" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	Families beaten down by mother nature, one hurricane after another, losing every material possession from furniture to clothing, from photographs to keepsakes

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6	Photo: Wildfire WILDFIRE Photo - Damage - Wildfire - Branch - 9686 - HEIC - April 14, 2025.png <div data-bbox="557 436 868 556" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match). </div>	One member shared this quote: "It's when your mindset changes from what can I grab to save, to I'm so thankful to be alive."
7	Photo: LC Faces LC faces.jpeg	And in these moments of fear, grief, and desperation There is hope There is help
8	Slide Idea/Screenshot to use: AEF & Website: https://www.legion-aux.org/AEF <div data-bbox="535 1003 847 1157" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;"> If you need a graphic made, please be as descriptive as possible </div>	There is the Auxiliary Emergency Fund - Members helping Members The stories are endless, the devastation is real, and every photo you see here comes from one of our own members. To all who have suffered, please know We stand with you, and we hold you in our hearts as you heal.
9	Slide Idea: Create a slide with the grant awards (up to \$3,000) <div data-bbox="414 1665 727 1854" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;"> Specific bullets needed? Please list any key points (note – this could be shortened) </div>	This year the AEF Committee has been purposefully centered around two guiding pillars: Education and Donation. Did you know that AEF has been offering grants for over 55 years? In 1969, ALA member Helen Small left a bequest from her estate to create what we now know as AEF. More than five decades later, the AEF continues

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		to offer life-changing support to fellow Auxiliary members in need.
		The AEF is growing and evolving applications are more private and more streamlined than ever— they are now submitted directly to the ALA National Headquarters, ensuring confidentiality and efficiency. Grants of up to \$3,000 may provide assistance to help members recover from natural disasters AND financial hardships.
10	Slide Graphic/Idea: 121 Grants Awarded 246 Members Helped 	This fiscal year alone, the AEF more than doubled the number of grants awarded — from 121 to over 246 members helped. 167 members received disaster relief 79 members were supported through hardship relief
11	Slide graphic: \$465,879 awarded 	In just the first half of this fiscal year, AEF had already doubled the number of awards from the previous year. Now, for the first time ever: we approach half a million dollars in total grants — offering timely assistance in some of our members' darkest hours. And you made that possible.

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12	Slide Graphic: QR Code with this link: https://donate.legion-aux.org/CSiDonate/Give.aspx/7GY9YLFO#c  <div data-bbox="334 684 647 842" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red;"> If you need a graphic made, please be as descriptive as possible </div>	<p>This year, we also announced exciting new ways to give.</p> <p>You can now donate online — and have it count toward your unit and department goals. It takes less than a minute to set up a one-time or monthly donation. In fact, I invite you to take out your phone and make your heartfelt gift now.</p> <p>Every penny donated to the AEF goes directly to help a fellow member in need.</p> <p>It's our tradition of <i>Service Not Self</i>, lived out in real time.</p>
		<p>You may be asking: How might I raise money?</p> <p>Here are some inspiring examples from across the nation:</p>
13	Photo: CO ALA Unit 38 CO ALA Unit 38.jpg  <div data-bbox="371 1570 685 1692" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match). </div>	<p>The Department of Colorado launched a Penny War Challenge, collecting coins at every meeting—the unit with the most won bragging rights</p>
14	Photo: Dept WA AEF Challenge Map Dept of WA AEF Challenge Map .pdf  <div data-bbox="423 1833 737 1955" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match). </div>	<p>The Department of Washington encouraged every unit to donate a minimum of \$100 in the Dean's Double Down Challenge—each contribution entered them into a drawing for a handmade Wooden Eagle Flag.</p>

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		Also meeting Dean's Double Down was the department of New Mexico with 100% participation of all 36 units donating.
15	Photo: MN Members Bidding MN members bidding.jpg <div data-bbox="488 699 803 821" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	Host a bake sale or hold an auction like the Department of Minnesota.
		Huge shout out to Wisconsin's Department President who selected AEF as her project and raised over \$38,000.
16	Photo: ND Donations AEF Wristbands ND Donations for AEF wristbands (1).png <div data-bbox="521 1115 836 1236" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	The department of North Dakota increased year-to-year giving by over 10% by passing a hat at meetings-and offering AEF wristbands to raise donations and awareness.
17	Photo: AEF Cardinal AEF Cardinal Tree.jpg <div data-bbox="344 1381 659 1503" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	The Department of Indiana created a Cardinal Tree for giving
18	Photo: SD AEF Bags SD AEF bags.jpg <div data-bbox="529 1556 844 1677" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> List the photo Link to Photo (name needs to match.) </div>	AND The Department of South Dakota created inspiring AEF bags.
19	Slide Graphic: QR Code with this link: https://donate.legion-aux.org/CSiDonate/Give.aspx/7GY9YLFO#c	In fiscal 24-25, over \$364,000 was raised to support the AEF program and our members during their time of need. Thank you to all the ALA entities and member donors who gave in Service Not Self.

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20		Madam President, a huge thank you for YOUR support of the AEF. It has been an honor to record and report these acts of kindness and generous giving to the AEF program.
21	Chair Photo Slide:	. This concludes the AEF report.