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Journey For Good Foundation Awards Over \$450,000 to Charities Fighting Poverty across North America

501(c)(3) charity awards over \$450,000 to 20 organizations, including several supporting the Los Angeles wildfire relief efforts

Journey For Good Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to fighting poverty through food, shelter, education, and workforce development and the charitable arm of Avolta in North America, announced it has awarded over \$450,000 to 20 charitable organizations across North America. This represents the Foundation's first of three scheduled giving cycles of 2025.

This announcement follows its [record-breaking grant cycle](#) of \$950,000 awarded to 39 charitable organizations last Fall, bringing the Foundation's total giving to nearly \$1.5 million in 2024.

"This has been a difficult start to the year for many, especially those affected by the devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area. We are proud of the positive impact Journey For Good Foundation continues to make in so many communities across North America in collaboration with our charity partners who are on the front lines of serving the most vulnerable individuals and families, providing essential resources, opportunities, and hope," said Journey For Good Foundation President Paul Mamalian. "Our work is made possible by the incredible commitment of Avolta team members and partners across North America, who work tirelessly to uplift their communities through sustainable practices, volunteerism, and charitable giving."

The Foundation focuses on funding sustainable and scalable community-led solutions, working in collaboration with local agencies and organizations already making a difference. Journey For Good Foundation aims to:

- Relieve hunger and promote nutritional wellness through food-related initiatives;
- Combat homelessness through access to safe housing, furnishings, clothing, and stable employment;
- Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;

- Provide opportunity for financial stability through hospitality industry training and placement;
- Honor our veterans and their families by supporting programs that meet their needs for food, shelter, medical care, and job training and placement.

Donations to power these grants came from passengers shopping at dining venues, travel convenience, specialty retail, and duty-free stores operated by Avolta brands HMSHost, Hudson, and Dufry in the U.S. and Canada, as well as from Avolta team members. Travelers can voluntarily round up their purchases to the nearest dollar at participating locations, contributing their change to the fight against poverty.

“We are immensely grateful to the tens of thousands of travelers and Avolta team members who have shown their support by donating so far this year. Their generosity helps to transform the lives of individuals and families experiencing poverty and homelessness,” said Jordan Silverman, Director of Journey For Good Foundation. “We are proud to continue to make a positive impact through travel retail and travel food and beverage and forge lasting connections with the communities we serve.”

Previously known as the HMSHost Foundation, Journey For Good Foundation continues to honor its legacy by funding mission-aligned organizations that provide food and shelter for the homeless, educate children, train unemployed adults, and support veterans and their families.

Below is a list of organizations included in this giving cycle:

Blessings in a Backpack Louisville	Louisville, KY
Brooklyn Book Bodega	Brooklyn, NY
California Community Foundation Wildfire Recovery Fund	Los Angeles, CA
Communities In Schools of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg	Charlotte, NC
Communities In Schools of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Communities In Schools of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
Communities In Schools of North Texas	Lewisville, TX
Memphis Union Mission	Memphis, TN
Oasis Center	Nashville, TN
Reign Foundation	New Westminster, BC
Son of a Saint	New Orleans, LA
St. Louis Area Foodbank	St. Louis, MO
Table to Table	Saddle Brook, NJ
The Sharing Center	Longwood, FL
Three Square	Las Vegas, NV
United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO)	New York, NY
Village Freedged	Miami, FL

World Central Kitchen

Washington, D.C.

YouthCare

Seattle, WA

About Journey For Good Foundation

Journey For Good Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. Prior to 2024, Journey For Good Foundation, Inc. operated as HMSHost Foundation, Inc. Journey For Good Foundation is a charitable arm of Avolta in North America and was established to unite and build upon the charitable giving efforts of HMSHost Foundation, Hudson, and Dufry. Charitable work carried out by Journey For Good Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- *Relieve hunger and promote nutritional wellness through food related initiatives;*
- *Combat homelessness through access to safe housing, furnishings, clothing, and stable employment;*
- *Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;*
- *Provide opportunity for financial stability through hospitality industry training and placement;*
- *Honor our veterans and their families by supporting programs that meet their needs for food, shelter, medical care, and job training and placement.*

Visit journeyforgood.org for more information.

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Avolta AG, (SIX: AVOL) is a leading global travel experience player. With the traveler at its strategic core, Avolta maximizes every moment of the traveler's journey through its combination of travel retail and travel food & beverage, passion for innovation and excellent execution. Avolta's well-diversified business across geographical, channel and brand portfolio pillars operates in 73 countries and more than 1,000 locations, with over 5,100 points of sale across three segments – duty-free, food & beverage and convenience – and various channels, including airports, motorways, cruises ferries, railways, border shops and downtown. An inherent element of Avolta's business strategy is found in ESG, aiming for sustainable and profitable growth of the company while fostering high standards of environmental stewardship and social equity – making meaningful impact in the local communities. The company's access to 2.3 billion passengers each year reinforces the power of its more than 76,000 people, committed to surprising guests and delivering solid execution, supporting the company in creating value for all stakeholders.

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