

Tennessee Secretary of State
Tre Hargett



Division of Business and Charitable Organizations
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

August 03, 2023

Dr. GRETCHEN L WOLFE
PO BOX 90834
NASHVILLE, TN 37209

RE: Registration to Solicit Funds for Charitable Purposes

Organization Name: BUILDING ENTREPRENEURS FOR SUCCESS IN TENNESSEE

CO Number: CO31687

Renewal Date: 06/30/2024

Dear Dr. GRETCHEN L WOLFE :

Pursuant to the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act, T.C.A. § 48-101-501, *et seq.* the Tennessee Secretary of State has reviewed your application and is pleased to announce your organization's registration to solicit contributions has been **approved**.

The organization must maintain statutory compliance by submitting a renewal application and required fees on an annual basis. At that time you may be required to submit tax filings, financial statements, proof of IRS status, and other documents related to your organization and its fundraising activities. You can find additional information and submit additional filings online at <https://sos.tn.gov/charities>. The "CO" Number listed above will serve as your organization's charitable registration number and should be used when submitting any charitable filings or 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 (\$5,000.00) 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

Tracking Number
2023120797

Application to Renew Registration of a Charitable Organization



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Secretary of State

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State of Tennessee
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CO Number: CO31687
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Organization Information

Legal Name of the Charitable Organization: BUILDING ENTREPRENEURS FOR SUCCESS IN TENNESSEE

Legal entity type of the Organization: Corporation

Business Services Control Number: 000955221

FEIN: 83-0742603

Initial Registration Date: 06/19/2018

Renewal Date: 06/30/2023

Has your fiscal year ending month changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fiscal Year Ending Month: December

When and where was the organization legally established

Date: 03/28/2018

Country: USA

City/State: FRANKLIN, TN

County: Williamson

Has your Principal Office address changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Principal Office Address

801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
USA, NASHVILLE, TN 37201

Has your Mailing address changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Office Address

PO BOX 90834
USA, NASHVILLE, TN 37209

Contact Information for the Charitable Organization

Contact Name: Dr. GRETCHEN L WOLFE

Telephone Number: (615) 424-0302

Email: info@besttn.org

Website: http://www.besttn.org

Current names used by the charity organization

Do you need to modify other names that the charity solicits under?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has the organization registered in any other state(s)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the charity have other offices, chapters, branches, affiliates or a parent?

☐ Yes ☒ No

The category that best describes your organization

E - Health General & Rehabilitative

The charitable purpose of the organization

To educate incarcerated individuals in personal skills and develop financial literacy and business planning skills for future success. BEST integrates mental health trauma recovery with personal entrepreneurship education for justice-impacted persons.

Tax & Financial Information

Has your tax exempt status changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Last Fiscal Year Start: January 2022

Last Fiscal Year End: December 2022

Type of 990 Tax Form Filed: 990-N (ePostcard)

Gross Revenue

Direct and Indirect Public Contributions	\$ 26,905.00
Government Grants	\$ 10,000.00
Special Events and Activities	\$ 4,845.00
Membership Dues	\$ 0.00
Other Revenue	\$ 3,201.00
Total Revenue	\$ 44,951.00

Expenses

Total Program Expenses	\$ 40,921.00
Management and General Expenses	\$ 3,220.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,143.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,073.00
Total Expenses	\$ 60,357.00

Excess/Deficit For the Year (Total Revenue - Total Expenses)	(\$ 15,406.00)
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Solicitation Information

Have you been enjoined by any court from soliciting contributions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does your organization contract with or otherwise engage the services of any outside fundraising professional (such as a "professional fund-raiser," "paid solicitor," "fund raising counsel," or "commercial co-venturer")?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Officer Information

Do you need to modify the current officers?

☒ Yes ☐ No

List each officer, director, and trustee (at least 2 officers are required, and you must list officers who have or share the following titles: "Chief Financial Officer", "Custodian of Contributions", "Custodian of Final Distributions")

Ms. BEVERLY WATSON ELAM
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201, USA
Title(s): Board Member

Ms. ADRIANNE THOMPSON
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201, USA
Title(s): Vice President, President

LAUREN ROGAL
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Secretary

ADRIENNE BRUCE
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Treasurer

KAREN VANDER MOLEN
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201, USA
Title(s): Custodian of Contributions, Custodian of Final Distributions, Treasurer

Mr. GRAYSON MILLER
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Board Member

Mrs. DIANE CANADA
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Board Member

Ms. DAWN STONE
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Board Member

Dr. GRETCHEN L WOLFE
801-2ND AVENUE N 3RD FLOOR
USA, NASHVILLE, TN 37201
Title(s): Director

Has any officer, director, manager, operator, or principal of the organization been the subject of an injunction, judgement, or administrative order or been convicted of a felony?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature

I certify that the statements in this registration statement and all supplemental forms, documents, and continuation sheets are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I (Chief Fiscal Officer, Treasurer, or Officer) certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Signed Electronically: Adrienne Yvonne Thompson

Date: 06/29/2023

Title: Officer

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I (Chief Fiscal Officer, Treasurer, or Officer) certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Signed Electronically: Karen Vander Molen

Date: 06/29/2023

Title: Treasurer