

HEALEY ANNOUNCES THAT HE WANTS HIS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS SENT TO LOCAL CHARITIES

Robert J. Healey, Jr., an announced candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island, has asked that his supporters contribute to local charities instead of his political campaign.

Healey, putting his money where his mouth is, instead of sending a political contribution to any candidate, will send a donation to six local charities.

“I have always heard that money is the mother’s milk of politics. It is time for politicians to wean themselves. Money is the root of all evil in politics. Until there is a fair and equitable system of state funded campaigns, money through political contributions will be a negative force on politics” said Healey. Adding, **“The buck stops here”**.

“While I would certainly participate in a fair state-funded system which would include limitations, the present state system of campaign funding is severely flawed and is designed to inhibit participation of independent office seekers. Rhode Island desperately needs campaign finance reforms to make the system fair, equitable, and accountable. Up to now it is merely a game to be played on a political stage” Healey continued.

“I understand that there are some true believers out there who legitimately support candidates, but when I see the use of funds to influence policy and get an advantage in the political system, I am downright disgusted” he said.

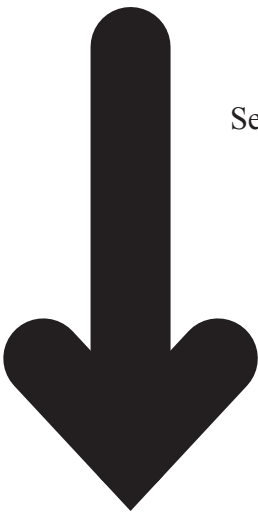
“Since I am running for the Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island, and since I intend to abolish the office, I have no political plums to put on the table. I won’t be able to give someone’s drunken, dead-beat brother-in-law a job or hire an idiot just because he or she is the son or daughter of some politically connected hack. This being so, I cannot see any reason for anyone other than myself to spend money in support of my campaign.

“I honestly feel that the money would be better spent on fixing the problems facing Rhode Islanders. Therefore, I am asking my supporters to follow my lead and make a donation or donations to their favorite local charity.

“In doing this, the people of Rhode Island will actually benefit more than if I spent their money on some ego driven television ad or other form of self-aggrandizement. Not only that, the donations, depending on the organization, may actually be tax deductible where a campaign contribution would not.

“I ask that instead of sending me five or ten dollars to defray campaign costs, please make a contribution to something that will truly help fellow Rhode Islanders.

“Finally, I ask that you use the form provided below when making your gift. You may do so without adding your name to the form, but we ask that you include it in your envelope. This form will be available on our website, www.votehealey.com and I will make every effort to have them available with me during my campaign.



See page 2 for donation form

**IN LIEU OF A DONATION TO THE HEALEY FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN
I AM MAKING THIS CONTRIBUTION:**

*ALL FILL-INS ARE OPTIONAL. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE YOUR NAME FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRIBUTION.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation:

\$5.00

\$10.00

\$25.00

\$ _____

CLIP AND MAIL THIS WITH YOUR DONATION TO THE CAUSE OF YOUR CHOICE

ROBERT J. HEALEY, JR. WILL MAKE A DONATION TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:

- THE SALVATION ARMY OF RHODE ISLAND
- THE PHOENIX HOUSE
- AMOS HOUSE
- VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR ANIMALS
- FEDERAL BLUES – CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE THE WARREN CANNONS
- RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE