

## **Love Fest International Inc**

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### Love Fest International Inc

- aka Love Fest Inc.
- Atlanta, GA
- http://lovefestinternational.org
- **\** (470)499-1062



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#### MISSION

Love Fest International, Inc. (LFI) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 agency, organized in the state of Georgia whose mission is to transform the lives of individuals, couples, and disadvantaged individuals by providing counseling, education and other support services that would improve their well-being.

#### **EIN**

84-2021845

#### **RULING YEAR**

2020

#### IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

#### **FOUNDING YEAR**

2015

#### **MAIN ADDRESS**

3355 Lenox Road NE, Suite #750 Atlanta, GA 30326

#### **AFFILIATION TYPE**

Independent Organization

#### **CONTACT**

Lauren Hines, Executive Director Ihines@lovefestinc.com

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Lauren Hines

#### **BOARD CHAIR**

Regina Drummond

#### **SUBJECT AREA**

Family counseling

#### **NTEE Code**

Family Counseling, Marriage Counseling (P46)

#### **PROGRAMS**

#### 1. COUNSELING SERVICES FOR COUPLES & FAMILIES

Population(s) served: Families, Economically disadvantaged people

#### **POPULATIONS SERVED**

- 1. Families
- 2. Economically disadvantaged people

#### **COMPLIANCE**

✓ IRS Pub 78 Verified as of February 2024

✓ IRS BMF 509(a) (1) as of February 12, 2024

Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

#### TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

✓ Board Practices Reported?

✓ Diversity Data Reported?

# Programs & Results

#### **PROGRAMS**

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Source: Self-Reported by Organization, February 2023

## COUNSELING SERVICES FOR COUPLES & FAMILIES

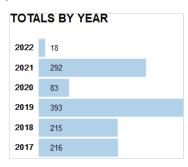
#### Population(s) Served:

Families Economically disadvantaged, low-income, and poor people

Counseling services
Couples counseling
Premarital counseling
Marriage and family therapy
Blended families
Keeping families together
Community well-being events
Relationship services

#### **RESULTS**

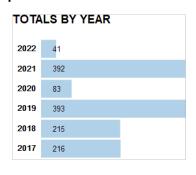
## Average number of service recipients per month



**Population(s) Served:** Minorities, Economically disadvantaged, low-income, and poor people, Self-employed people

**Related program:** COUNSELING SERVICES FOR COUPLES & FAMILIES

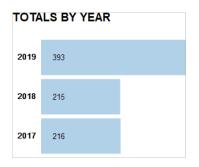
### Number of groups/individuals benefiting from tools/resources/education materials provided



Population(s) Served: General/Unspecified

Related program:

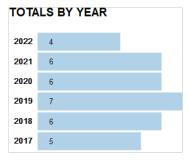
## Number of attendees present at rallies/events



**Population(s) Served:** Adults, Economically disadvantaged, low-income, and poor people, Self-employed people

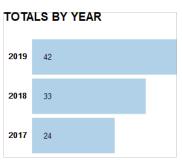
Number of groups brought together in a coalition/alliance/partnership

### Number of administrators and staff who plan and experience professional development activities together



Population(s) Served: Females

Related program:



Population(s) Served: Self-employed people

More results from this organization's programs

#### **CHARTING IMPACT**

#### What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

Hope is not lost when preventive and timely measures can be enacted to protect the mental health and well-being of these couples/family units and disadvantaged individuals. Therefore, Love Fest International provides its community of vulnerable, underserved couples and individuals access to professional services at subsidized or completely covered costs through the help of generous donors and supporters. Services include individual and group therapy/counseling, virtual support services and resources, and community well-being/mental health events.

#### What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

#### INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The negative impact of divorce creates dire results in already vulnerable communities, impacting their ability to create generational wealth and to develop healthy relationships and develop stronger families. These broken homes are leaving behind more than broken marriages, but other broken relationships, broken emotions, and broken hopes for the couple, children, and families. Marriage and family relationships can be restored before getting to the breaking point of separation and subsequent divorce. With proper emotional therapy, mental fitness, and communication and problem-solving skills ascertained through Love Fest International, individuals and couples can be proactively and effectively equipped to meet challenges that inevitably come along with marriage and relationships successfully.

#### THE VULNERABLE ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY

While there are many reasons that small business owners attribute the failure of the business, the most common reasons are lack of capital access, insufficient cash flow, lack of demand, and poor management. Fundera.com states that while there are over eight million minority-owned businesses in the U.S., this underserved group of businesses "lag behind the average small business in terms of revenue and access to capital."

The dissolution and lack of development of these companies have created countless, negative ripple effects within the communities in which they operated, but LFI believes the trend can be reversed.

#### What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

We have been providing counseling, wellness, and business support related services and education since 2015. The agency was later incorporated as Love Fest International Inc. in 2019 and was established in response to the devastating impact that limited access to resources was having on minorities in Metro Atlanta. In the face of economic downturns, minority disadvantaged small businesses lacking resources, and surmounting relational challenges, founding members volunteered their time to provide support, educate, and help change the pattern.

The organization quickly worked to organize seminars, tools, counseling resources, and relationship and mental health professionals to engage their populations and meet the evolving needs of our diverse community in response to the societal challenges. Today, Love Fest International offers a broad range of services, including counseling (group and individual), minority and disadvantaged small business education, family services, and community benefits and drives.

LFI strives towards achieving our vision of ensuing that the well-being of some of the most vulnerable will be a priority in our everyday lives. We are on-target to achieve significant milestones with the support of newly identified funding sources which would lend themselves towards our growth.

New expansions and enhancements include virtual mental health and well-being conferences, telehealth sessions with certified professionals, emergency supply drives for populations in need, and digital educational classes.

#### What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

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By instituting and providing counseling and relationship services, growth opportunities, and community initiatives, we help create a society in which long-lasting, more enjoyable, healthier relationships – personally, professionally, and interpersonally – are within reach. With increased access to relationship and domestic economic growth tools, communication and relationship resources, mentorship, and like-minded peer community, we create more vibrant life experiences for the vulnerable, disadvantaged communities whom we serve.

# Financials

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, February 2023

FISCAL YEAR START: Jan/1
FISCAL YEAR END: Dec/1

#### **Revenue & Expenses**

Revenue	2019
Contributions, gifts, and grants	\$2,455
Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	\$0
Membership Dues	\$0
Net Income from Special Events	\$0
Other Revenue Amount	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,455
Expenses	
Program	\$2,455
Administration	\$0
Fundraising	\$0
Payments to Affiliates	\$0
Other Expense	\$0
Total Expenses	\$2,455
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
Total Assets	\$605
Total Liabilities	\$0
Net Assets or Fund Balance at the end of year	\$605

# Operations

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, February 2023

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### Lauren Hines

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Lauren is a firm believer in the power of "we." It's not only about what you can do, but what "we" do together that makes the biggest impact. It is the "we" that creates the future.

Lauren is a lover of all things event production related. She entered the bridal industry by creating the disruptor brand Get Wed For Less® after planning her own wedding and recognizing the need for high quality, accessible marketplace offerings. As the creator of numerous events-based and bridal initiatives, including Hinesmark Affairs, Lauren provides planning resources and solutions to engaged couples, business opportunities for the professional, and environments where both clients and vendors can interact.

As the Executive Director for Love Fest International, she leads the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a determined focus on its mission to help establish and cultivate healthy marriages and empower the disadvantaged. Lauren oversees the administration, programs, and strategic plan of LFI.

#### **BOARD CHAIR**

### Regina Drummond

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Farah Artis

Rayna Andrews

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP PRACTICES**

GuideStar worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section, which enables organizations and donors to transparently share information about essential board leadership practices.

#### **BOARD ORIENTATION & EDUCATION**

Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations?

Yes

#### **CEO OVERSIGHT**

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Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within the past year?

Not Applicable

#### **ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY**

Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and completed and signed disclosure statements in the past year?

Not Applicable

#### **BOARD COMPOSITION**

Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results in diversity of thought and leadership?

Not Applicable

#### **BOARD PERFORMANCE**

Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within the past three years?

Not Applicable

#### **Organizational Demographics**

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy and Equity in the Center.

#### Leadership

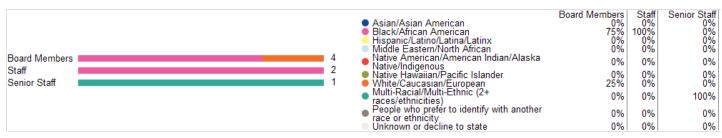
The organization's leader identifies as:

**Race & Ethnicity** Black/African American **Gender Identity** Female, Not transgender **Sexual Orientation** Heterosexual or Straight

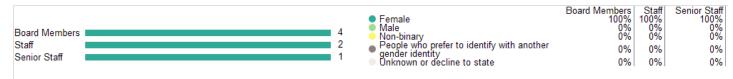
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#### Race & Ethnicity

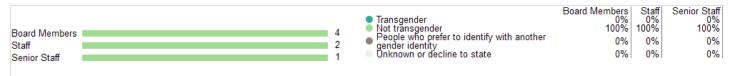
**Disability Status** 



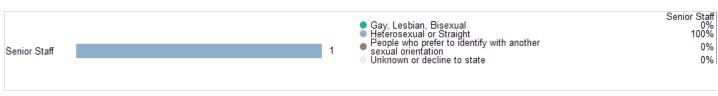
#### **Gender Identity**



#### Transgender Identity



#### **Sexual Orientation**



#### Disability



We do not display staff or senior staff disability information for organizations with fewer than 15 staff.

# Appendix

Key Documents	
IRS Forms 990	Not Available
IRS Forms 990T	Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	
	2020 Audited Financial Statement
Key Organization Documents	□ Letter of Determination     □

## GuideStar Charity Check

#### Love Fest International Inc

Aka Love Fest Inc.

3355 Lenox Road Ne, Suite #750 Atlanta, GA 30326

- ✓ Foundation Status Code: PC\*
- ✓ Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

#### IRS Publication 78 Details

Verified IRS Pub 78

Organization name Location Most recent IRS Publication 78

Love Fest International Inc. Atlanta, GA February 2024

EIN Deductibility status description Verified with most recent Internal Revenue Bulletin

84-2021845 A public charity (50% deductibility limitation). March 04, 2024

#### IRS Business Master File Details

IRS BMF 509(a)(1)

Organization name Most recent IRS BMF Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status

LOVE FEST INTERNATIONAL INC February 12 2024 Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

EIN IRS subsection Ruling date
84-2021845 This organization is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity 03/2020

This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.

On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued regulations which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more

\* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

<u>IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33</u> allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

#### GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources

- -GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service
- -<u>IRS Publication 78 (Cumulative List of Organizations)</u> lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- -The <u>IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin</u> (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.
- -The <u>IRS Business Master File</u> lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.
- -The I<u>RS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List</u> contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years
- -The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the <u>990PF filing instructions</u> to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.
- -The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) <u>Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list</u> organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.