

Chick-fil-A Says It Will No Longer Donate to Anti-LGBTQ Organizations Like FCA, Salvation Army

Eager to expand its footprint overseas and into liberal cities in the U.S., executives at Chick-fil-A have made the decision to no longer donate to perennially controversial charities like the Salvation Army and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After donating to more than 300 charities this year, Chick-fil-A is planning to refine its philanthropic structure, according to a report from Bisnow. And that apparently includes no longer donating cash to organizations that have been perceived by some on the left to be anti-LGBTQ.

Over the years, both the Salvation Army and the FCA have opposed same-sex marriage, a position that has apparently proved untenable for the Christian-owned Chick-fil-A, at least from a marketing standpoint.

"We made multi-year commitments to both organizations and we fulfilled those obligations in 2018," a representative for the Atlanta-based restaurant chain said in a statement, noting the quick-service eatery will focus its philanthropy on "education, homelessness and hunger."

Chick-fil-A president and COO Tim Tassopoulos said that, as the company expands into more places, "We need to be clear about who we are." He added, "There are lots of articles and newscasts about Chick-fil-A, and we thought we needed to be clear about our message."

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