

► Mission Statement

In order to forge a better understanding of the universal language of spirituality and to break down the barriers between religions, the mission of the Society of the Evening Star is to provide an educational facility, library, housing and outdoor green space for the elder leaders of world faiths and minority religions to practice, to teach and to mentor students who are searching for spiritual answers. S.O.T.E.S. firmly believes that such teaching will assist in realizing the potential within us, will manifest a better life for all within the community and will help remove many of the obstacles that prevent the enjoyment of a fuller and richer life.



► You can donate to S.O.T.E.S. today!

If you would like to make a donation to The Society of the Evening Star, Inc. today, you can visit our website and pay with your credit card through Pay Pal. Don't forget, your donation is tax deductible and you will receive an email from Pay Pal confirming your donation. Our board reserves the right to designate funds for the programs for which they are most needed.

I would like to make the following donation:

_____ What percentage (0-100%) of your donation would you like to go to our general fund (to be used where it is most needed)?

\$ ____ To help sponsor an educational program.

\$ ____ To purchase books.

\$ ____ To assist with legal costs.

\$ ____ To help support our charitable work.

\$ ____ To help preserve ancient cultures and traditions.

\$ ____ Toward the General Fund of The Society of the Evening Star, Inc. to be used where it is most needed.

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*Manifesting a better world
and removing obstacles that
come between people and their
enjoyment of a rich life.*

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► Who We Are

Society of the Evening Star is a non-profit organization based in Rhode Island. S.O.T.E.S. was incorporated in 1983, as a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

S.O.T.E.S. has no ethnic or racial prejudice – we are a cross cultural organization open to individuals who embrace the sameness in all cultures and religions. We educate others in this universal sense of ethics and morals through music, art, philosophy, dance, diverse belief systems and time honored traditions.



We believe that the “Universal Code of Ethics” is based on wisdom, love and trust of one’s self and one’s neighbor and is expressed in all religious texts and teachings. S.O.T.E.S. seeks to bridge the gap between various belief systems through the knowledge that we all share a common goal – to invest in tomorrow by making a better world today.



► What we do:

- ✧ S.O.T.E.S. sponsors lectures and classes on culture and world traditions. Past events have included: Cabala (Jewish Mysticism), Animal Rehabilitation, Meditation, Native American Traditions and Beliefs, the cycles of nature, Celtic knot drawing, mask making, Herbalism, and others.
- ✧ We stock and maintain a library of culturally diverse educational materials.
- ✧ S.O.T.E.S. is able to offer a legal umbrella for small groups of like mind to be legally recognized, and we have the ability to charter affiliate organizations that share in our mission and goals.
- ✧ Many S.O.T.E.S. members voluntarily staff the Acts of Kindness Inc. (A.O.K.) charity. A.O.K. members raise money for food for the homeless, support animal shelters, visit the elderly in hospitals and nursing homes, offset funeral expenses for those who cannot afford them, collect food and clothing and run a thrift store to help those in the community who are in need.

✧ Hygeia is a Healing Circle, or more precisely, an open group whose participants are dedicated to studying and practicing the Healing Arts. Hygeia’s underlying philosophy is that an individual’s health includes the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of being; and that to truly be healed implies that one becomes whole or sound. Through Hygeia, S.O.T.E.S. provides a place for people of different faiths to gather with the common goal of alleviating some of the pain and suffering in our daily lives by exploring and practicing healing techniques together. Methods vary but include meditation, herbalism, massage, chanting and prayer, to name a few.

