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**-ALERT-**

The holiday season is here and many of us are in the giving spirit. We want to make sure your hard earned money goes to a charity that will make the most of your contribution. There are several things you need to keep in mind when you are making a donation for the holidays or even after a tragedy.

Please review the following tips so you don't fall prey to a charity scam:

- Research the charity online
- Watch out for charity names that only look like well-known charities
- Find out how much of your donation goes to the charity
- Look online at charity ratings and complaints
- Pay by credit card or debit card
- Keep a record of all of your donations

The following organizations can assist you in finding a creditable charitable organization to donate to:

- BBB Wise Giving Alliance- [www.give.org](http://www.give.org)
- Charity Navigator- [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)
- Charity Watch- [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org)
- GuideStar- [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)

Report scams to [www.FTC.gov/complaint](http://www.FTC.gov/complaint).

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Stay Safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sherri B. Walsh'.

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