



## **2025 EMPORIUM BENEFICIARY APPLICATION**

### **About Emporium**

In 2007, a group of women at First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia, came together with a desire to make a significant difference in the world around them. Their idea was to host an annual shopping show to raise money for a different nonprofit each year – particularly organizations that focus on enhancing the lives of women and children. Since the show's inception, Emporium has grown from 50 to 72 vendor booths and has raised over \$300,000 to benefit a wide variety of local nonprofit organizations.

### **How Beneficiaries are Selected**

Interested non-profit organizations must complete a new application each year in order to be considered for selection as beneficiary. After the deadline for accepting applications has passed, the Selection Committee members will carefully review each application, conduct any additional research necessary, and narrow the beneficiary pool to their top two or three choices. Each of the finalists will then be contacted to arrange a face-to-face interview with the committee and/or a site visit (if possible), after which the committee will make their selection. Each applicant will be personally notified of the selected beneficiary.

### **Application Schedule**

Deadline for completed applications: April 15, 2025

Notification of Beneficiary Choice: No later than June 1, 2025

Emporium Dates: Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, 2025

**Please email completed applications and any attachments to [mlfletcher27@gmail.com](mailto:mlfletcher27@gmail.com) OR mail them to Lynn Fletcher at the following address:**

Emporium  
c/o Lynn Fletcher  
First Baptist Church  
751 Green Street, NW  
Gainesville, GA 30501

## 2025 Emporium Beneficiary Application

1. Legal name of Organization:
2. Address:
3. Website:
4. Contact Person(s) with title, phone number, and email address:
5. Mission Statement of Organization:
6. Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
7. Total program budget:
8. List all sources of funding (include any funds you may be currently receiving from the First Baptist Church budget):
9. Number of people served by your organization:

**10. How does your organization meet the Emporium's mission of enhancing the lives of women and/or children?**

**11. How significant to the work of your organization is a \$20,000 donation and specifically how will that donation be used?**

**12. In addition to the monetary gift, are there other ways for the Women's Ministry to support your organization throughout the year?**