

Website Design and/or Maintenance for Non-Profit Organizations

About

I do website design and or maintenance for non-profit organizations at no cost on a volunteer basis. I am a retired television equipment design engineer living in Rocklin, CA. Criteria for undertaking responsibility for a website are described below.

Design

As you will see in the examples listed below, my websites are basic and content oriented, they do not include such things as flash, video, or audio. Artwork and most of the content are provided by the owners of the website. I can provide interactive functionality such as; forms, password protected access, registration and PayPal one-button donations. I do not provide CMS (content management system) or blogs. For an existing website I will duplicate the look and feel as closely as possible (if desired), generally by re-coding the entire website to meet internet coding standards. I use Microsoft Expression Web as my development environment, a software package similar to Dreamweaver. My expertise includes XHTML, CSS, PHP, MYSQL and some JavaScript. Coding for all recent websites meets internet standards, usually W3C XHTML 1.1 and W3C CSS 2.1 (<http://www.w3.org/>).

Maintenance

I perform all the maintenance based on inputs from the website owners. Updates are usually made within 48 hours unless I am out of internet connectivity on a vacation (rare occasion). If the owners wish to maintain the website my responsibility is ended. However, I will provide more complete comments in the code and limited technical support. Since the website code meets internet standards it is relatively easy for someone with the same level of expertise to take over responsibility of the website.

Hosting

The website host should support PHP processing and must not add content to the web pages (the latter is typical of free hosting). I must have ftp access to the website file area. Additional access privileges may be required for database applications and password protected website access. Its best if the website owners set up the account and provide me with the necessary login/password information. However, I will set up the account in my name and charged to my credit card to be reimbursed when the fees are paid. My preferred website host is 1and1.com. Their least expensive hosting packages will usually be adequate for the type of websites described above. As of October 2011 the cost is less than \$45 per 6 months including free domain name registration. If the owner is going to set up the account, please use this link http://www.1and1.com/?k_id=11512542.

Examples

www.fibush.net – My personal website. Originally developed using Microsoft FrontPage it is now fully standards compliant without requiring any special hosting feature other than described above.

www.clutchchatter.org – The first website I did for a non-profit organization. It includes all the previous versions by a different webmaster so pages more than a couple of years old are not standards compliant.

www.alchemistcdc.org, www.urbanfarmstand.org, www.mutualhousing.com, www.pdrs.org, – Several websites that were re-coded to generally match their original look and feel.

www.valvechatter.org, www.rodsnrelics.net, www.goldengatev8.org, www.firstincarcub.org, www.pittsburghflatheadv8.org – More car club websites of my design.

www.springcourt.info/demo/ - This is a project I did for an online course at the local community college. It is fully my design and implementation. It demonstrates registration, password protected areas and database use.

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