

THE BIGGEST BETS ON SOCIAL CHANGE

Publicly announced US gifts to social change nonprofits made from 2000 to 2012 that were \$50 million or more. (excluding the Gates Foundation's*)

Rank	Donor	Recipient	Amount (\$M)	Year	Description
1	Joan B. Kroc	Salvation Army	\$1,500	2004	Build community centers and support an endowment
2	William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	ClimateWorks Foundation	\$461	2008	Start an international campaign to combat climate change
3	Ford Foundation	International Fellows Program	\$330	2000	Develop leaders in underrepresented groups and communities across the world
4	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	Conservation International	\$261	2001	Identify and preserve "biodiversity hotspots" across the world
5	Michael Bloomberg	Various nonprofit organizations	\$250	2008	Wage campaign to reduce smoking in the five developing countries with the most smokers (i.e., Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia and Russia)
6	Ted Turner	Nuclear Threat Initiative	\$250	2001	Reduce the threat posed by nuclear weapons
7	Mary Joan Palevsky	California Community Foundation	\$200	2006	Provide unrestricted support (the foundation used the funds to create an endowment for multiple issues including public education and empowerment of disadvantaged populations)
8	John D. Hollingsworth, Jr.	Various nonprofit organizations	\$180	2001	Help the YMCA and other nonprofits benefit the community in Greenville, S.C.
9	Tashia and John Morgridge	Fund for Wisconsin Scholars	\$175	2007	Provide scholarships for talented, low-income Wisconsin high school graduates attending one of the state's public colleges or universities
10	Fred Fields	Oregon Community Foundation	\$150	2012	Support local issues such as education
11	Robert E. and Dorothy King	Stanford University	\$150	2011	Empower local leaders to alleviate poverty in developing economies through research and innovation
12	David Gundlach	Elkhart County Community Foundation	\$125	2012	Support the local Indiana community
13	Michael Bloomberg	Various nonprofit organizations	\$125	2006	Reduce tobacco use and smoking worldwide
14	Michael Bloomberg	Various nonprofit organizations	\$125	2009	Develop and implement strategies for reducing the number of preventable traffic-related injuries and fatalities worldwide
15	Maude Woods Wodehouse	Various nonprofit organizations	\$122	2003	Support Hawaiian charities, including the Nature Conservancy, the Salvation Army, and Hawaii Community Foundation
16	Anonymous	Johns Hopkins University	\$100	2001	Create a malaria institute
17	Anonymous	Erie Community Foundation	\$100	2007	Support local nonprofits, including homeless shelters and food banks
18	Ford Foundation	National Academies	\$100	2012	Extend the Ford Fellows program 10 years to increase diversity of US college and university faculties
19	George Kaiser Family Foundation	City of Tulsa	\$100	2007	Conserve local river and surrounding areas
20	Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation	Montego Bay Community College	\$100	2011	Improve tourism and hospitably course offerings at the college, located in Jamaica
21	George Soros	Human Rights Watch	\$100	2010	Expand the organization globally
22	George Soros	Fund for Policy Reform	\$100	2009	Support climate-change advocacy
23	J. Ronald Terwilliger	Habitat for Humanity International	\$100	2009	Support housing microfinance and build an endowment
24	Mark Zuckerberg	Newark Public Schools District	\$100	2010	Turn around the school district
25	Paulson Family Foundation	Central Park Conservancy	\$100	2012	Support New York City park's facilities and infrastructure
26	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Various nonprofit organizations	\$100	2001	Support faith-based organizations that reach the disabled and elderly
27	Pierre and Pam Omidyar	Tufts University	\$100	2005	Create an international microfinance group
28	Stephen A. and Christine Schwarzman	New York Public Library	\$100	2008	Provide support for library
29	William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	ClimateWorks Foundation	\$100	2012	Support work to combat climate change
30	Dora Donner Ide	Various nonprofit organizations	\$92	2000	Contribute to various organizations' endowments, including the San Francisco Community Foundation, Nature Conservancy, Public Radio Broadcasting, and the Boys and Girls Club
31	Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Population Services International	\$76	2008	Support global health
32	Rotary International	World Health Organization	\$75	2012	Support global effort to eradicate polio
33	Wallace Foundation	Six urban school districts	\$75	2011	Develop more effective school principals and test their impact on student achievement in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC; Denver, CO; Gwinnett County, GA; Hillsborough County, FL; New York City, NY; and Prince George's County, MD
34	Foundation for Deep Ecology	Conservation Land Trust	\$70	2001	Support environmental work
35	Sally Reahard	Nature Conservancy	\$70	2004	Acquire land and protect natural areas in Indiana
36	David and Lucile Packard Foundation	ClimateWorks Foundation	\$66	2012	Reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and avert climate change
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38	Ric Weiland	Pride Foundation	\$65	2008	Support scholarships, 10 national LGBT rights organizations, and organizations in the Pacific Northwest
39	Anonymous	Carnegie Corporation of New York	\$60	2008	Support social services and arts organizations
40	Lilly Endowment, Inc.	United Way	\$60	2000	Support Capital Projects Fund
41	Frank and Nancy Porter	Cleveland Foundation	\$60	2003	Provide unrestricted support for the community foundation's work
42	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	University of KwaZulu-Natal	\$60	2009	Support HIV and tuberculosis research institute in South Africa
43	Joan B. Kroc	Ronald McDonald House Charities	\$60	2003	Support comfort and care for children undergoing medical care and their families
44	John Kluge	Library of Congress	\$60	2000	Establish a new center and prize in human sciences
45	Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Marie Stopes International	\$57	2009	Support sexual and reproductive health
46	Global Fund	Plan International USA	\$52	2011	Fund health projects in Benin, Togo, and Cameroon
47	Alphonse Fletcher, Jr.	Various nonprofit organizations	\$50	2004	Improve race relations and close the class divide between different populations of African Americans
48	Open Society Institute	Robin Hood Foundation	\$50	2009	Support nonprofits struggling after the recession
49	Michael Bloomberg	Various nonprofit organizations	\$50	2012	Extend family planning services to an additional 120 million women in the world's poorest countries by 2020
50	Michael Bloomberg	Sierra Club Foundation	\$50	2011	Shut down as many as a third of the nation's coal power plants through grassroots advocacy
51	Bernard Osher Foundation	Foundation for California Community Colleges	\$50	2008	Create an endowment to provide scholarships for Californian Community College students
52	Bernadette and Timothy Marquez	Denver Scholarship Foundation	\$50	2006	Increase the number of disadvantaged Denver high school students entering college
53	Ford Foundation	Time to Succeed Coalition	\$50	2012	Increase student learning time by inspiring communities to redesign the school day and year
54	George Soros	Millennium Promise	\$50	2006	Eliminate poverty in 33 African Villages
55	James Barksdale	Barksdale Reading Institute	\$50	2005	Provide financial rewards for Mississippi students upon their achievement of reading-level milestones in third grade and then again upon high-school graduation
56	Jay A. Precourt	Stanford University	\$50	2009	Fund alternative energy research at a new institute
57	John and Jacque Weberg	Opportunity International	\$50	2006	Support microfinance in the developing world
58	The California Endowment	Various nonprofit organizations	\$50	2001	Address the healthcare needs of California's agricultural workers
59	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	Peninsula Open Space Trust	\$50	2001	Preserve more than 20,000 acres of open space along the San Mateo Coast as part of a multi-funder campaign
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61	Rockefeller Foundation	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa	\$50	2006	Develop ways to boost farm productivity and income for poor farmers while safeguarding the environment
62	Robert B. Daugherty Charitable Foundation	University of Nebraska	\$50	2010	Fund research and policy analysis relating to use of water for agriculture
63	S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation	Boy Scouts of America	\$50	2011	Create a national center of Scouting excellence in West Virginia
64	Richard and Melanie Lundquist	Partnership for Los Angeles Schools	\$50	2007	Improve local public schools
65	Turner Global Foundation	United Nations Foundation	\$50	2012	Provide general operating support
66	Warren Buffett	Nuclear Threat Initiative	\$50	2006	Create an international nuclear fuel bank that aspiring nuclear powers could use for reactor fuel instead of making their own

*The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation made 65 gifts of \$50 million or more from 2000 to 2012.

Sources: Indiana University's Million Dollar List, the Foundation Center, and the Chronicle of Philanthropy.