

The 50 Most Generous Philanthropists

RANK	NAME	BACKGROUND	2001-2005 GIVEN OR PLEDGED MILLIONS	CAUSES	ESTIMATED LIFETIME GIVING* MILLIONS	REMAINING NET WORTH** MILLIONS	GIVING AS A % OF NET WORTH†
	DONORS NEW FROM LAST YEAR						
1	Gordon and Betty Moore	Intel co-founder	7,046	Environment, science	7,300	4,600	159
2	Bill and Melinda Gates	Microsoft co-founder	5,458	Health, education, libraries	27,976	51,000	55
3	Warren Buffett	Berkshire Hathaway CEO	2,622	Reproductive choice, reducing nukes	2,730	40,000	7
4	George Soros	Investor	2,367	Open and democratic societies	5,401	7,200	75
5	Eli and Edythe Broad	SunAmerica, KB Home founder	1,475	Public education, arts, science	1,820	5,500	33
6	James and Virginia Stowers	American Century founder	1,205	Biomedical research	1,575	716	220
7	Walton Family	Family of Wal-Mart founder	1,100	Education	1,350	82,700	2
8	Alfred Mann	Medical devices	993	Biomedical education and research	1,500	2,100	71
9	Michael and Susan Dell	Dell founder	933	Children's health and education	1,230	18,000	7
10	George Kaiser	Oil and gas, banking, real estate	617	Antipoverty in Oklahoma	723	4,500	16
11	John Templeton	Investor	562	Spirituality and science	1,000	2,000	50
12	Ruth Lilly	Eli Lilly heiress	560	Poetry, libraries, culture, scholarships	760	210	362
13	Michael Bloomberg	Bloomberg founder, NYC mayor	528	Education, health care, arts and culture	733	5,100	14
14	Veronica Atkins	Widow of Dr. Robert Atkins	500	Eradication of obesity and diabetes	500	50	1,000
15	Jeff Skoll	Founding president of eBay	489	Social entrepreneurs	567	3,500	16
16	Ted Turner	CNN founder	457	Environment, global security	1,240	2,000	62
17	Kirk Kerkorian	Investor	453	Humanitarian and Armenian causes	687	10,000	7
18	Donald Bren	Real estate	447	Education, environment	457	5,700	8
19	Pierre and Pam Omidyar	eBay chairman, founder	433	Individual self-empowerment	523	10,200	5
20	Patrick and Lore Harp McGovern	IDG founder	370	Brain research	386	2,000	19
21	Sidney Kimmel	Jones Apparel chairman	352	Cancer research, arts, Jewish causes	495	750	66
22	Irwin and Joan Jacobs	Qualcomm co-founder	339	Education, arts	490	1,700	29
23	Bernard Marcus	Home Depot co-founder	311	Aquarium, Jewish causes, health	590	2,200	27
24	Robert Meyerhoff	Real estate developer	304	Art, higher education	305	NA	NA
25	Paul Allen	Microsoft co-founder	291	Arts, sci-tech, brain research	988	22,500	4
26	Thomas Monaghan	Domino's Pizza founder	284	Catholic education and services	451	500	90
27	Larry Ellison	Oracle CEO	267	Research on aging and diseases	690	17,000	4
28	William and Claudia Coleman	BEA Systems co-founder	254	Cognitive disabilities	254	75	339
29	John Kluge	Metromedia founder	241	Library of Congress, higher education	751	9,000	8
30	Frank and Jane Batten	Landmark Comm. founder	233	Higher education, childhood development	400	1,400	29
31	David Rockefeller	Standard Oil heir, banking	217	Higher education, conservation, arts	500	2,500	20
32	Oprah Winfrey	Harpo chairman	212	Education; women, children, and families	253	1,400	18
33	David Geffen	DreamWorks co-founder	208	HIV/AIDS, arts and culture, civil liberties	270	4,500	6
34	Peter Lewis	Progressive chairman	204	Education, arts, social reform	319	1,900	17
35	David and Cheryl Duffield	PeopleSoft co-founder	201	Animals, humane society, education	328	1,100	30
36	Sidney Frank	Sidney Frank Importing	200	Education, health care, arts	200	1,800	11
37	Gary and Frances Comer	Lands' End founder	190	Environment, education, youth	199	1,000	20
38	William and Alice Goodwin	AMF Bowling chairman	187	Cancer research, higher education	239	70	341
39	Leo and Kay Drey	Schram Glass heir, silviculture	180	Conservation	180	NA	NA
40	Robert and Marguerite Hoffman	Custom Food Group co-chairman	173	Dallas arts and social services, science	180	NA	NA
41	Sandy and Joan Weill	Citigroup chairman	171	Arts, education	315	1,400	23
42	Jon Huntsman	Huntsman founder, chairman	170	Cancer, business education, homeless	510	1,600	32
43	Arthur Blank	Home Depot co-founder	168	Youth, arts, environment, education	212	1,300	16
44	Charles and Helen Schwab	Charles Schwab chairman	167	Social issues, education, arts	232	3,800	6
45	W. Jerome Frautschi	Former Webcrafters vice-chairman	147	Arts	252	470	54
46	Ira and Mary Lou Fulton	Fulton Homes CEO	141	Education, community initiatives, cancer	160	425	38
47	H.F. and Marguerite Lenfest	Former Suburban Cable owner	138	Higher education, arts	381	825	46
48	James Barksdale	Netscape co-founder	135	Education and literacy in Mississippi	275	500	55
49	Miller Family	Family of Lennar founder	127	Higher education, medical research	127	143	88
50	Bernard Gordon	Analogic founder	120	Engineering education, medical research	125	125	100

*Based on public records and interviews with donors. **Based on the Forbes 400 list and BusinessWeek estimates. †Donations as a percentage of remaining net worth. Note: For a detailed explanation of our ranking methodology, go to businessweek.com/go/philanthropy. Data: BusinessWeek, GuideStar, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, Kintera PIN Electronic Screening