

The 50 Most Generous Philanthropists

RANK	NAME	BACKGROUND	2002-06 GIVEN OR PLEGGED (MILLIONS)	CAUSES	ESTIMATED LIFETIME GIVING* (MILLIONS)	NET WORTH** (MILLIONS)	GIVING AS A % OF NET WORTH
1	Warren Buffett	Berkshire Hathaway CEO	40,612	Health, education, humanitarian causes	40,730	46,000	89
2	Bill and Melinda Gates	Microsoft co-founder	3,350	Global health and development, education	27,976	53,000	53
3	George Soros	Investor	2,066	Open and democratic societies	5,900	8,500	69
4	Gordon and Betty Moore	Intel co-founder	2,049	Environment, science	7,386	3,400	217
5	Herbert and Marion Sandler	Golden West co-founders	1,379	Medical research, education, social reform	1,379	2,400	57
6	Eli and Edythe Broad	SunAmerica, KB Home founder	1,378	Public education, arts, science	2,111	5,800	36
7	Walton Family	Family of Wal-Mart founder	1,250	Education	1,790	82,500	2
8	Donald Bren	Real estate developer	935	Education, conservation	946	8,500	11
9	Bernard Osher	Banking, investments	805	Arts, education, integrative medicine	805	900	89
10	Alfred Mann	Medical devices	698	Biomedical education and research	1,735	2,200	79
11	Michael and Susan Dell	Dell founder	674	Children's health, education	1,230	15,500	8
12	George Kaiser	Oil and gas, banking, real estate	639	Poverty in Oklahoma	723	8,500	9
13	Ruth Lilly	Eli Lilly heiress	560	Poetry, libraries, culture, scholarships	770	200	385
14	David Rockefeller	Standard Oil heir, banking	550	Biomed research, global development, arts	900	2,600	35
15	Michael Bloomberg	Bloomberg founder, NYC mayor	550	Public health, education, arts, social services	880	5,300	17
16	John Templeton	Investor	511	Science "about life's big questions"	1,000	2,000	50
17	Veronica Atkins	Widow of Dr. Robert Atkins	500	Eradication of obesity and diabetes	500	60	833
18	Jeff Skoll	Founding president of eBay	486	Social entrepreneurs	613	3,500	18
19	Pierre and Pam Omidyar	eBay chairman and founder	453	Individual self-empowerment	577	7,700	7
20	Robert Wilson	Investor	449	Environment	500	500	100
21	Irwin and Joan Jacobs	Qualcomm co-founder	425	Education, arts	582	1,700	34
22	Ted Turner	CNN founder	423	Environment, global security	1,303	1,900	69
23	Kirk Kerkorian	Investor	419	Humanitarian and Armenian causes	696	9,000	8
24	Shelby White	Widow of investor Leon Levy	340	Ancient studies, arts, humanities	500	600	83
25	Bernard Marcus	Home Depot co-founder	317	Jewish causes, health, free enterprise, children	650	1,900	34
26	Robert Meyerhoff	Real estate developer	304	Arts, higher education	305	NA	NA
27	Paul Allen	Microsoft co-founder	287	Arts, health/human services, science	876	16,000	5
28	Thomas Monaghan	Domino's Pizza founder	283	Catholic higher education	454	450	101
29	T. Boone Pickens	Energy and investing	270	Higher education and athletics, health	300	2,700	11
30	Dawn Greene	Widow of lawyer Jerome Greene	260	Education, medicine, arts	260	NA	NA
31	James Simons	Investor	257	Math and science education, autism	257	4,000	6
32	Oprah Winfrey	Harpo chairman	251	Education; women, children, and families	303	1,500	20
33	Lewis and Dorothy Cullman	Leveraged buyouts	250	Arts, education	250	50	500
34	Frances Comer	Widow of Lands' End founder Gary Comer	246	Environment, education, youth	268	1,000	27
35	David and Cheryl Duffield	PeopleSoft co-founder	246	Animals, humane society, education	331	1,200	28
36	Ira and Mary Lou Fulton	Fulton Homes CEO	234	Higher education, community, cancer	265	445	60
37	Frank and Jane Batten	Landmark Comm. founder	228	Education, early childhood development	400	1,400	29
38	David Geffen	DreamWorks co-founder	211	HIV/AIDS, civil liberties, arts and culture	273	4,600	6
39	Larry Ellison	Oracle CEO	210	Research on aging and diseases	790	19,500	4
40	Peter Lewis	Progressive chairman	210	Arts, environment, youth, social reform	400	1,400	29
41	William and Alice Goodwin	AMF Bowling chairman	208	Cancer research, higher education	270	100	270
42	George Lucas	Lucasfilm founder	203	Education and arts, health, civil rights	209	3,600	6
43	Marguerite Hoffman	Widow of investor Robert Hoffman	197	Dallas arts and social services, science	205	NA	NA
44	John Kluge	Metromedia founder	196	Library of Congress, higher education	751	9,100	8
45	H.F. and Marguerite Lenfest	Former Suburban Cable owner	191	Higher education, arts, environment	470	825	57
46	Leo and Kay Drey	Schram Glass heir, silviculture	180	Conservation	180	NA	NA
47	Charles and Helen Schwab	Charles Schwab founder	167	Social issues, education, arts	233	4,600	5
48	Bernard Gordon	Analogic, NeuroLogica co-founder	160	Engineering education, medical research	165	135	122
49	T. Denny Sanford	Banking and credit cards	159	Children, health, science, education	159	2,500	6
50	Dan Duncan	Energy	157	Medical research, education, youth	160	7,500	2

*Based on public records and interviews with donors **Based on the Forbes 400 list and BusinessWeek estimates Data: BusinessWeek, GuideStar, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, Kintera PIN Electronic Screening