

50 Largest Independent Foundations by Total Giving, 2008

Foundation	State	Total Giving ¹	Qualifying Distributions ²	Assets	Fiscal Date
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$ 2,805,251,969	\$ 3,308,451,241	\$ 29,889,702,125	12/31/08
2. The Ford Foundation	NY	474,095,000	474,095,000	10,234,860,000	09/30/09
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	408,831,456	408,831,456	7,513,607,363	12/31/08
4. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	379,599,742	415,397,462	6,208,980,453	12/31/08
5. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	NE	347,911,661	351,926,060	2,517,560,936	12/31/08
6. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	336,551,359	354,080,113	5,718,809,817	12/31/08
7. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	301,979,479	334,624,180	4,650,858,492	12/31/08
8. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	267,479,576	267,479,576	4,363,563,000	12/31/08
9. The Annenberg Foundation	CA	266,898,723	281,901,542	2,487,703,921	06/30/08
10. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA	261,740,279	261,740,279	4,509,705,996	12/31/08
11. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	252,254,918	252,254,918	5,014,059,260	12/31/08
12. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	244,511,126	244,511,126	6,813,784,639	08/31/09
13. The Annie E. Casey Foundation	MD	190,575,097	190,575,097	2,294,628,649	12/31/08
14. The Kresge Foundation	MI	181,439,048	181,439,048	3,100,000,000	12/31/08
15. The T. Boone Pickens Foundation	TX	176,692,885	176,694,520	8,748,656	12/31/08
16. The Lincy Foundation	CA	170,728,247	172,905,179	507,627,637	09/30/08
17. The Starr Foundation	NY	169,909,034	174,428,653	1,201,239,493	12/31/08
18. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	168,874,434	200,479,422	1,948,806,804	12/31/08
19. The Duke Endowment	NC	162,139,499	172,863,200	2,350,049,705	12/31/08
20. The California Endowment	CA	140,510,981	195,800,158	4,657,176,628	02/28/08
21. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	137,741,403	181,791,285	3,053,944,733	12/31/08
22. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	116,867,936	117,701,311	2,013,371,188	12/31/08
23. Eli & Edythe Broad Foundation	CA	116,505,375	133,527,790	1,348,976,378	12/31/08
24. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	116,206,414	116,206,414	1,972,507,394	12/31/08
25. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	110,375,900	145,143,726	807,623,434	12/31/08
26. The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation	TX	108,955,421	127,005,184	945,717,769	12/31/08
27. Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	NY	102,095,376	113,065,152	1,475,691,610	12/31/08
28. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	101,314,879	118,403,171	2,662,702,247	09/30/08
29. Bernard Osher Foundation	CA	100,256,114	100,933,904	166,066,198	12/31/08
30. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.	MD	99,570,742	102,920,940	2,480,251,109	02/29/08
31. The McKnight Foundation	MN	99,486,687	99,486,687	1,582,042,000	12/31/08
32. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	77,245,733	93,971,917	1,933,369,747	12/31/08
33. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	76,630,364	76,630,364	1,262,470,870	12/31/08
34. Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	75,537,994	95,430,048	811,596,989	12/31/08
35. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	72,961,731	72,961,731	1,422,748,108	12/31/08
36. Citizens Programs Corporation	MA	72,192,612	89,972,859	4,578,555	06/30/08
37. Tosa Foundation	CA	71,732,009	72,089,944	462,876,849	12/31/08
38. The Sherwood Foundation	NE	71,362,887	71,362,887	170,371,461	12/31/08
39. Robertson Foundation	NY	71,163,079	73,482,702	974,063,488	11/30/08
40. John Templeton Foundation	PA	70,656,679	79,476,184	880,433,745	12/31/08
41. Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund	CA	70,032,067	70,032,067	304,026,259	12/31/08
42. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	69,315,228	77,765,246	1,306,590,965	12/31/08
43. The Heinz Endowments	PA	65,000,095	65,000,095	1,205,528,000	12/31/08
44. The William Penn Foundation	PA	62,974,512	62,974,512	1,076,817,288	12/31/08
45. Richard King Mellon Foundation	PA	62,750,139	65,381,588	1,525,601,452	12/31/08
46. The Wallace Foundation	NY	62,745,480	78,025,031	1,115,216,051	12/31/08
47. Aspen Foundation, Inc.	NJ	60,836,367	60,836,367	36,504,405	11/30/08
48. NoVo Foundation	NY	56,011,250	58,044,238	208,726,090	12/31/08
49. Gerald and Henrietta Rauenhorst Foundation, Inc.	MN	55,435,511	55,435,511	270,733,019	12/31/08
50. The California Wellness Foundation	CA	54,251,652	62,300,646	697,964,109	12/31/08

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Aggregate foundation fiscal information in tables and figures is based on data provided to the Center as of January 2010. Fiscal data on individual foundations included in this table may be more current.

¹Includes grants, scholarships, and employee matching gifts; excludes set-asides, loans, PRIs, and program expenses.

²Qualifying distributions are the charitable expenditures used in calculating private foundations' required annual 5 percent payout; includes total giving, as well as reasonable administrative expenses, set-asides, PRIs, operating program expenses, and amount paid to acquire assets used directly for charitable purposes.