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# GIVING IN MAINE

## 2009 Update of Individual & Foundation Giving

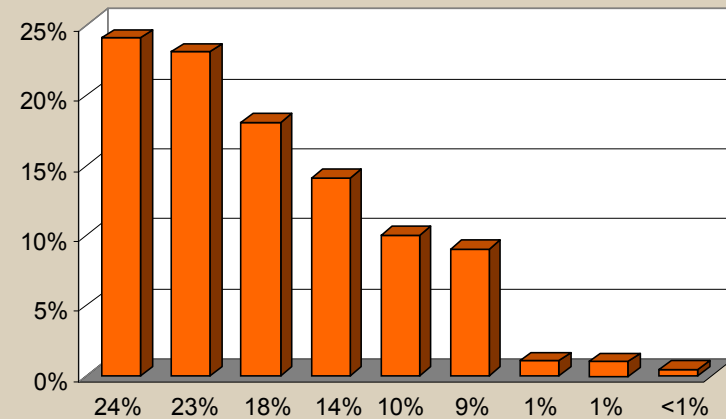
Each year, foundations and generous individuals provide millions of dollars of support for nonprofit organizations that strengthen the lives of Maine residents and their communities. As part of the Maine Philanthropy Center's commitment to promote philanthropy, we have collected and analyzed the most recent data available to compile this updated summary.

### Foundation Giving 2006

- In 2006, there were **302 foundations** registered in Maine - a 12% increase over the past 5 years. These Maine foundations claimed total **assets of \$1.65 billion** and **grants totaling \$102 million**.
- Maine foundation **assets** increased 114% in the last five years. In the same time period, foundation assets increased nationally by only 41%.
- Total **giving** by Maine foundations increased 11% since 2005. Since 2002, the increase in foundation giving in Maine was 115%, whereas nationally it was only 28%.
- While Maine foundation assets and giving have grown dramatically over five years, foundation giving per capita has not; in 2006 it was \$1,248, while the national average was \$2,679.
- Foundations give a fraction of the money that is spent each year by state government. For instance, the Maine State government budget for 2007 was \$6.3 billion. Maine foundations awarded grants equal to 1.6% of the budget – enough to operate the state for only 6 days.
- In addition to foundations that give primarily to Maine, **national foundations** contribute significantly to Maine nonprofits. Five of these top foundations - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Bernard Osher Foundation, William Kellogg Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, and Bank of America Charitable Foundation - gave nearly \$13 million to Maine in 2006, or an additional 23% added to the \$54 million from 20 of Maine's largest foundations.

Source: Foundation Center, Maine State Legislature, Office of Fiscal & Program Review, and IRS SOI Data

Grantmaking by Focus Area – Maine's Top 20 Foundations \*



Health Care:	24%	Arts & Humanities:	9%
Education:	23%	Religion:	1%
Human Services:	18%	Animals:	1%
Public Benefit:	14%	International Affairs:	<1%
Environment:	10%		

\* Source: Data collected from 990 Tax filings, and grants lists from listed grantmakers.

*“Maine’s Top 20 award 65% of their grant dollars in the areas of health, education, and human services.”*

***“Maine’s Top 20 award 77% of their grant dollars in Maine.”***

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**Top 20 Most Active Foundations in Maine in 2007 \***

Maine Grantmakers	Yr Est.	Total Assets	Total Giving	Giving in Maine	% in Maine
Maine Community Foundation	1983	\$244,900,766	\$16,218,149	\$12,956,923	80%
Libra Foundation	1989	\$144,955,047	\$11,551,515	\$11,501,515	100%
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation	1983	\$174,670,984	\$8,296,500	\$4,529,500	55%
Harold Alford Foundation	1993	\$52,825,924	\$4,953,472	\$4,953,473	100%
Maine Health Access Foundation	2000	\$129,904,493	\$4,760,619	\$4,760,619	100%
TD Charitable Foundation	2000	\$17,649,352	\$4,330,803	\$1,464,440	34%
Davis Educational Foundation	1985	\$111,810,463	\$3,011,189	\$1,179,776	39%
Sandy River Charitable Foundation	1997	\$41,223,948	\$2,180,982	\$293,632	13%
Davis Family Foundation	1986	\$66,902,056	\$2,029,684	\$1,989,004	98%
The Betterment Fund	1955	\$42,912,758	\$1,987,000	\$1,896,000	95%
MELMAC Education Foundation	2001	\$40,031,154	\$1,958,604	\$1,636,210	84%
Sam L. Cohen Foundation	1983	\$42,935,588	\$1,615,202	\$1,520,844	94%
Hannaford Charitable Foundation	1993	\$2,129,524	\$1,325,087	\$785,575	59%
Lunder Foundation	1998	\$25,306,784	\$1,179,383	\$544,303	46%
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation	1986	\$3,876,922	\$1,156,300	\$1,156,300	100%
JTG Foundation	1996	\$25,506,152	\$1,081,554	\$1,024,554	95%
William and Joan Alford Foundation	1986	\$24,743,214	\$928,462	\$698,590	75%
Great Bay Foundation	1998	\$12,955,605	\$824,778	\$296,633	36%
Davis Conservation Foundation	1989	\$21,217,668	\$734,880	\$489,380	67%
Bangor Savings Bank Foundation	1996	\$4,303,026	\$674,642	\$674,642	100%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1.2 Bil</b>	<b>\$70.8 Mil</b>	<b>\$54.4 Mil</b>	<b>77%</b>

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**Individual Giving** 2006

- In 2006, 165,000 Mainers (26% of all income tax filers) reported \$487 million in charitable contributions. Nationally, 30% of all filers claim charitable contributions.
- Maine’s reported \$487 million in charitable giving represents an increase of 28% over the last five years compared to the national average of 31%.
- Maine’s average charitable deduction was \$2,961 while the national average was \$4,402, placing Maine 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation above Rhode Island. The average contribution is far below the national average, but Maine’s growth rate was 33% over the last five years compared to the national increase of 27%.
- Maine residents reporting incomes over \$200,000 gave an average of \$19,146 – an amount closer to the national average of \$21,169 and earning Maine a ranking of 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Charitable Bequests** 2006

- In 2006 there were 54 estates of \$2 million or more settled in Maine (the average estate was \$4.5 million). Of these, the average charitable bequest was \$2.1 million for a total of \$112 million in charitable bequests - an increase of 160% over the past five years.
- Estate statistics vary widely from year to year based on the number of settled estates. Since there are so few in Maine, even one major estate can alter the results dramatically.

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***“Giving by Mainers grew by 33% over the last five years.”***

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