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# GIVING IN MAINE

## 2011 Update of Foundation & Individual Giving

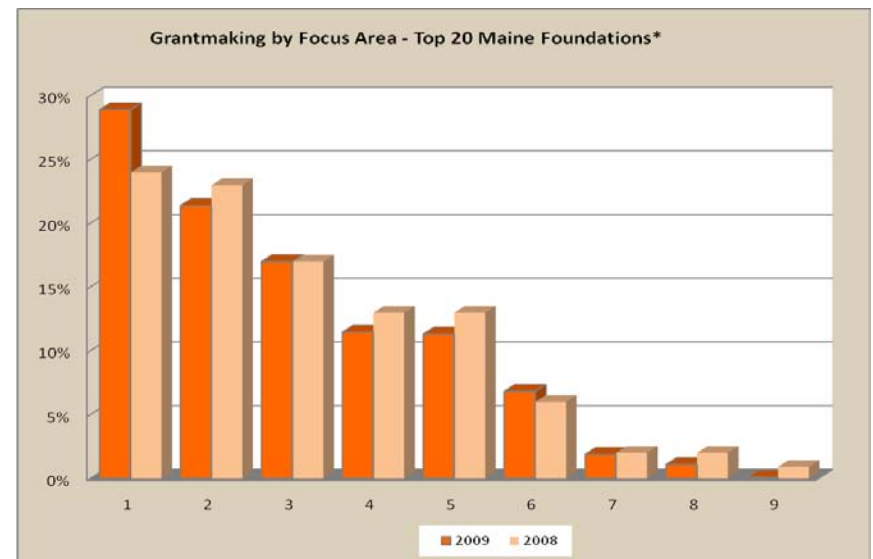
*Reflects most recent data available*

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. The data in this report highlights the difficult economic times for the country and the state. While Mainers remain generous, there has been a decrease in both individual and foundation giving since the last report. 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 2009

- In 2009, there were **327 foundations** registered in Maine, reporting **\$1.7 billion in assets** and **\$127 million in grants**.
- Since 2000, Maine Foundation assets have increased more than 200% and giving over 300%. There was a 10% decrease in Maine foundation assets this past year, but giving decreased by only 6%.
- While generous in supporting state priorities, **Maine foundations give a fraction of the money spent each year by state government**. For instance, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services budget for 2009 was \$3.3 billion. **Total Maine grants equal only 3.8% of that budget – enough to operate the department for 14 days.**
- The Top 20 Maine Foundations have seen a decrease in total giving by 21%, but a **greater portion of their giving is coming to the state of Maine - an increase of 9%**.
- National foundations contribute significantly to Maine nonprofits.** Five of these – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, S&G Foundation, Inc., Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Jane's Trust and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation – **gave \$11 million to Maine in 2009**, adding to the \$52 million awarded in Maine by the state's 20 largest foundations.

Source: Foundation Center and Maine State Legislature, Office of Fiscal & Program Review.



1 Human Services	29%	6 Arts & Humanities	7%
2 Education	21%	7 Religion	2%
3 Health Care	17%	8 Animals	1%
4 Public Benefit	11%	9 International Affairs	<1%
5 Environment	11%		

\* Source: Data collected from Form 990 and grant lists provided by grantmakers  
- Category descriptions can be found: <http://tinyurl.com/nteeocode>

*“The Top 20 Maine foundations continue to respond to increased basic needs by awarding the largest percentage of their grant dollars to human services.”*

*“82% of giving by Maine’s leading foundations stays in Maine.”*

## A Generous Maine

### Top 20 Most Active Maine Foundations in 2009 \*

Maine Grantmakers	Yr Est.	Total Assets	Total Giving	Giving in Maine	% in Maine
Maine Community Foundation	1983	\$195,200,000	\$15,654,944	\$12,709,587	81%
Libra Foundation	1989	\$113,954,173	\$8,475,025	\$8,470,524	100%
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation	1982	\$154,387,565	\$5,810,650	\$5,183,650	89%
Harold Alford Foundation	1993	\$517,854,193	\$4,540,520	\$4,527,020	100%
Maine Health Access Foundation	2000	\$90,045,057	\$4,017,286	\$3,538,500	88%
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation	1986	\$1,639,152	\$3,009,686	\$2,842,960	95%
Davis Family Foundation	1986	\$56,605,126	\$2,049,204	\$1,842,960	90%
Betterment Fund	1955	\$32,749,588	\$1,815,840	\$1,815,840	100%
TD Charitable Foundation	2002	\$95,459,812	\$12,018,652	\$1,593,766	13%
Maine Bar Foundation	1983	\$1,682,129	\$1,565,939	\$1,565,939	100%
Sam L. Cohen Foundation	1983	\$35,578,886	\$1,521,354	\$1,496,054	98%
John T. Gorman Foundation	1996	\$32,039,088	\$1,319,550	\$1,319,550	100%
Melmac Education Foundation	2001	\$40,031,154	\$1,092,256	\$1,092,256	100%
Hannaford Charitable Foundation	1993	\$1,491,765	\$1,544,365	\$930,953	60%
The William and Joan Alford Foundation	1986	\$16,729,371	\$1,034,959	\$828,212	80%
Quimby Family Foundation	2003	\$18,292,541	\$800,750	\$733,250	92%
Bangor Savings Bank Foundation	1996	\$2,989,886	\$524,965	\$524,965	100%
Davis Conservation Foundation	1989	\$16,888,497	\$743,500	\$498,500	67%
Davis Educational Foundation	1985	\$89,859,497	\$3,556,362	\$345,585	9.72%
Ray of Hope Foundation	2006	\$124,608	\$435,513	\$328,892	76%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1.4B</b>	<b>\$72M</b>	<b>\$52M</b>	<b>82%</b>

\* Source: Data collected from Form 990s and grant lists provided by grantmakers.

### Individual Giving 2008

- Giving by Maine individuals in 2008 reflects the dramatic downturn in the economy the same year.
- 147,713 Mainers reported **\$402 million in charitable contributions** -- down by 16% since 2007.
- Fewer Maine income tax returns included charitable contributions (23%), below the national average of 27%.
- Among these itemizers, the **average charitable deduction was \$2,719** compared to the national average of \$4,343.
- The average Maine deduction is down 11% since 2007 compared to a 6% drop nationally.
- Maine's **average giving is consistent with other New England states** which tend to rank lower than other regions of the country. **Maine is flanked by New Hampshire and Vermont in the current rankings.**
- Combined individual giving and charitable bequests account for 80% of all charitable giving in the state.

### Charitable Bequests 2008

- In 2008 **117 estates of \$2 million or more** were settled in Maine for a **total of \$73 million**.
- The average estate was \$4.2 million and the average charitable bequest was over \$2 million.
- **Maine ranked 3rd in the country for estates that included charitable bequests**, a significant change from 2007 when Maine ranked 48<sup>th</sup>.
- Because few estates are settled in Maine each year, trends are difficult to establish, and one or two large bequests may cause Maine's rankings to fluctuate.

Source: Foundation Center and IRS.

*"Generous Maine individuals make approximately 80% of all charitable gifts."*

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