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Executive Summary
Million Dollar List
Second Quarter 2009

The Center on Philanthropy compiled a list of **416 gifts of \$1 million or more in the second quarter of 2009** that were announced in various newsletters, newspapers, and other publications. This is the same number of gifts reported in the first quarter of 2009. There were no gifts for disaster relief in the first quarter of 2009, and one gift for disaster relief in the second quarter of 2009. After removing these gifts from the counts, the change is from 416 to 415 gifts, which is a decrease of less than 1 percent. The following summary shows the changes in donations from the previous quarter and previous year to the first quarter of 2009.

The tabulation of million dollar gifts is estimated by Arthur C. Frantzreb, creator of the original Million Dollar List, to be one-fourth to one-half of the gifts actually consummated during the quarter. Gifts to health care, religious organizations, cultural institutions, social service agencies and other organizations are not reported in a systematic way by any one source.

Changes from the First Quarter 2009 to the Second Quarter 2009

- The number of gifts from individual donors increased from 128 to 133, or an increase of less than 4 percent. There were no gifts from individuals to disaster relief in either quarter.
- The total number of corporate, foundation, and other institutional gifts decreased from 288 to 283, or less than 2 percent. In the first quarter of 2009, there were no gifts for disaster efforts, and there was one disaster gift in the second quarter of 2009. Without the disaster relief contributions, the change is from 288 to 282, or a decrease of more than 2 percent. Of the 283 gifts in the second quarter of 2009, there were nine gifts from other institutions not included as corporations or foundations (such as graduating classes, unions, or fraternal organizations) on which further comparative analysis is not included.
- The number of corporate donations fell from 46 to 38, or by over 17 percent. There were no corporate donations for disaster relief in the first quarter of 2009, while there was one disaster gift in the second quarter of 2009.
- The number of foundation gifts rose from 235 to 236, or less than 1 percent.

- There was no change in the number of gifts from all donors combined. Excluding gifts for disaster relief from both quarters, the change is from 416 to 415, a decrease of less than 1 percent.

Changes from Second Quarter 2008 to Second Quarter 2009

- The number of gifts from individual donors decreased from 269 to 133, a decrease of more than 50 percent. There was one gift for disaster relief in the second quarter of 2009, but none in the second quarter of 2008.
- The number of corporate, foundation, and other institutional gifts decreased from 418 to 283, or more than 32 percent. There were twelve institutional gifts for disaster relief in the second quarter of 2008 and one in the second quarter of 2009. With these disaster relief gifts excluded, the change is from 406 to 282, a decrease of less than 31 percent. Of the 283 gifts in the second quarter of 2009, there were nine gifts from other institutions not included as corporations or foundations (such as graduating classes, unions, or fraternal organizations) on which further comparative analysis is not included.
- The number of corporate donations fell from 90 to 38, or more than 57 percent. There were four corporate gifts to disaster relief in the second quarter of 2008, and one in the second quarter of 2009. Excluding disaster giving from corporations, there was a decrease of 57 percent.
- The number of foundation grants fell from 270 to 236, or more than 12 percent. There were eight foundation gifts for disaster relief in the second quarter of 2008, while there were no disaster gifts from foundations in the second quarter of 2009. Excluding these gifts, the change is from 262 to 236, or a decrease of 10 percent.
- The total number of gifts from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other donors fell from 687 to 416, which is a decrease of over 39 percent. Removing all disaster relief gifts from the second quarters of 2008 and 2009, the change is from 675 to 415, a decrease of more than 38 percent.

Announced gifts of a million dollars or more tend to be concentrated in higher education. From descriptions provided in the press about the purpose of a gift and the name of the recipient organization, the gifts announced in the second quarter may be categorized as follows in Table 1. This is an approximation based on the best information available.

Table 1**Allocation of gifts of \$1 million and above as a percentage of the number of gifts and of the dollar amount of the gifts, second quarter 2009**

Type of recipient	Number of gifts	Percent of total number	Dollar amount	Percent of total dollars
Higher education	165	39.7	1,424,218,858	49.2
Other education (K-12, libraries, tutoring, etc.)	38	9.1	102,513,851	3.5
Health	37	8.9	180,247,663	6.2
Arts, culture, humanities	29	7.0	85,650,000	3.0
Overseas recipient	20	4.8	251,258,298	8.7
International affairs, development, relief	13	3.1	167,146,656	5.8
Human services	33	7.9	239,645,062	8.3
Public-society benefit (federated campaigns, human rights, civil liberties and civil rights, scientific & social science research, community foundations)	55	13.2	204,626,950	7.1
Government agency (other than school)	8	1.9	40,395,000	1.4
Environment (zoos, animals, climate)	11	2.6	41,500,282	1.4
Foundations	2	0.5	150,000,000	5.2
Religion	4	1.0	7,000,000	<1
Recipients in more than one subsector or organization name(s) not specified	1	0.2	2,000,000	<1
Total*	416	*	2,896,202,620	*

* percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

More information about these gifts and about the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University can be found at <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu>.

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