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**Executive Summary**  
**Million Dollar List**  
**Fourth Quarter 2007**

The Center on Philanthropy compiled a list of **650 gifts of \$1 million or more in the fourth quarter of 2007** that were announced in various newsletters, newspapers, and other publications. This is an increase of 25 percent from the 520 gifts reported in the third quarter of 2007. There were 9 gifts for disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2007, while 10 gifts had been given for disaster relief in the third quarter of 2007. Taking these gifts into account, the change is from 510 to 641 gifts, which is just under a 26 percent increase. The following summary shows the changes in donations from the previous quarter and previous year to the fourth quarter of 2007.

*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 Third Quarter 2007 to the Fourth Quarter 2007**

- The number of gifts from individual donors rose from 225 to 270, or an increase of 20 percent. In the third quarter of 2007, two gifts were for disaster relief, while one gift was for disaster relief in the fourth quarter. With these gifts excluded, the change is from 223 to 269, or an increase of almost 21 percent.
- The total number of corporate, foundation, and other institutional gifts increased from 295 to 380, or by almost 29 percent. In each of the third and fourth quarters of 2007, there were 8 gifts for disaster efforts. Without the disaster relief contributions, the change is from 287 to 372, or an increase of almost 30 percent. Of the 380 gifts in the third quarter of 2007, there were 13 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 rose from 65 to 82, or by just over 26 percent. There were 3 corporate donations for disaster relief in the third quarter of 2007, while in the fourth quarter of 2007 there were 6 corporate donations for disaster relief. With those gifts excluded, the change is from 62 to 76, or an increase of almost 23 percent.
- The number of foundation gifts rose from 215 to 285, or almost 33 percent. There were 5 foundation gifts for disaster relief in the third quarter of 2007, while there was 1

disaster gift in the fourth quarter. Without the gifts for disaster relief, the change is from 210 to 284, an increase of over 35 percent.

- The number of gifts from all donors combined rose from 520 to 650, or 25 percent. Excluding gifts for disaster relief from the third quarter and fourth quarter of 2007, the change is from 510 to 641, an increase of almost 26 percent.

### **Changes from Fourth Quarter 2006 to Fourth Quarter 2007**

- The number of gifts from individual donors increased from 297 to 270, a decrease of over 9 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2007, 1 gift was for disaster relief, while no gifts were for disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2006. With these gift excluded, the change is from 297 to 269, or a decrease of over 9 percent.
- The number of corporate, foundation, and other institutional gifts increased from 216 to 380, or almost 76 percent. There were 2 institutional gifts for disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2006 and 8 in the fourth quarter of 2007. With these disaster relief gifts excluded, the change is from 214 to 372, an increase of almost 74 percent. Of the 380 gifts in the fourth quarter of 2007, there were 13 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 rose from 46 to 82, or by over 78 percent. There were no corporate gifts to disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2006 while there were 6 gifts to disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2007. Excluding disaster giving from corporations, the change was an increase from 46 to 76, or over 65 percent.
- The number of foundation grants grew from 159 to 285, or over 79 percent. There were 2 foundation gifts for disaster relief in the fourth quarter of 2006, while there was 1 disaster gift in the fourth quarter of 2007. Excluding these gifts, the change is from 157 to 284, or an increase of almost 81 percent.
- The total number of gifts from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other donors grew from 513 to 650, which is an increase of almost 27 percent. Removing all disaster relief gifts from the fourth quarters of 2006 and 2007, the change is from 511 to 641, an increase of over 25 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 fourth 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, fourth quarter 2007**

Type of recipient	Number of gifts	Percent of total number	Dollar amount	Percent of total dollars
Higher education	289	45	2,813,155,582	41
Other education (K-12, libraries, tutoring, etc.)	64	10	518,118,722	8
Health	75	12	615,969,805	9
Arts, culture, humanities	51	8	543,365,250	8
Overseas recipient	12	2	166,038,134	2
International affairs, development, relief	10	2	60,551,512	1
Human services	42	7	117,130,000	2
Public-society benefit (federated campaigns, human rights, civil liberties and civil rights, scientific & social science research, community foundations)	61	9	410,780,334	6
Government agency (other than school)	9	1	21,750,000	<1
Environment (zoos, animals, climate)	23	4	84,513,250	1
Foundations	5	1	1,451,000,000	21
Religion	8	2	64,720,129	1
Recipients in more than one subsector or organization name(s) not specified	1	<1	2,000,000	<1
<b>Total*</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>6,869,092,718</b>	<b>*</b>

\* 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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