

Charitable Research

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<http://www.guidestar.org/>

Chronicle of Philanthropy

The website includes ratings and reports on charities that are prepared by the Better Business Bureau and the National Charities Information Bureau. Feature articles focus on trends in the non-profit world and recent philanthropic activities of well-known individual and corporate donors.

<http://www.philanthropy.com/>

Charity Navigator

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator has become the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Charity Navigator's rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's financial health - how responsibly it functions day-to-day, as well as how well positioned it is to sustain its programs over time. Each charity is then awarded an overall rating, ranging from zero to four stars.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

National Center for Family Philanthropy

A nonprofit organization committed to helping families and individuals create and sustain philanthropic missions. The Center is a national resource that focuses on matters of importance to families engaged in philanthropy and effective giving.

<http://www.ncfp.org/>

BBB Wise Giving Alliance

This private watchdog organization provides a quick reference guide to 400 national charities and whether they meet its standards for fund raising, governance, financial management and public accountability. The website also includes tips for donors.

<http://www.give.org/>

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