# **STEADY GIVING**

# \$390.05 billion

#### **Rising and Falling**

In a decade, itemized contributions grew 40% for households with an income of \$100,000 or more, while falling 34% from those earning less (adjusted for inflation). 9 of 10 high-net-worth households give to charity compared to 58.8% for the total population.

#### **Ups and Downs of Tax Reform**

The charitable deduction appears safe, but tax reform could still hurt or help. Some proposals could reduce giving by an estimated \$13B, while others could generate \$12B in additional giving.

WH	IO GAVE IN 2016?	*change from 2015 revised estimates
72%	\$281.86B from	<b>()</b> 3.9%
15%	\$59.28B from FOUNDATIONS	<b>6</b> 3.5%
5%	\$18.55B from CORPORATIONS	3.5%
<b>8</b> %	\$30.36B from BEQUESTS	0 -9%

**UNCERTAIN TIMES** 

#### WHO RECEIVED IN 2016?

	2013
\$122.9B to <b>Religion</b>	<b>3</b> .0%
\$59.77B to <b>Education</b>	<b>3</b> .6%
\$46.80B to Human Services	<b>6</b> 4.0%
\$40.56B to <b>Foundations</b>	<b>3</b> .1%
\$33.14B to <b>Health</b>	<b>5</b> .7%
\$29.89B to Public-Society Benefit	<b>3</b> .7%
\$22.03B to International Affairs	<b>6</b> 5.8%
\$18.21B to Arts/Culture/Humanities	6.4%
\$11.05B to Environment/Animals	7.2%
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CORPORATION

#### **Quality Time**

People (especially Gen X and Y) who give time to an organization are more likely to eventually give their money, and to encourage their employer to donate too.

#### **The Main Attraction**

Giving by individuals saw strong 2-year growth (8%), outpacing growth of overall giving (6.8%), despite a drop in mega gifts.

#### **Side Show**

Corporate giving rose 3.5% to \$18.5B—still the smallest source of contributions. Cause sponsorships added another \$2B. While corporate pre-tax profits rose 2.7%, most companies still donate less than 1% of pre-tax profits in cash.

Hold on tight!

For every 10 new donors, 9.9 were lost. For every new \$10 gift, \$9.50 was lost-totaling \$4.6 billion lost among analyzed organizations.

\*change from

2015

Individuals account for 88% of all giving when bequests and family foundations are included.

#### Three out of Four

Giving from individuals, corporations and foundations all saw steady growth while bequests—the most volatile sector—declined 9%. When this decline is omitted, growth in giving is closer to 4%.

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#### **Prized Ticket**

Although Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) have existed since the 1930s, their growth is accelerating. Contributions to DAFs grew 11.4% to a record high of \$22.26B. Distributions from DAFs also reached a record high, jumping 16.9% to \$14.52B.

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## That's \$1,213 for every person in the world or \$54 for every person in the World berson in the United States

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