



INDEPENDENT CHARITIES OF AMERICA **D.B.A Human Care Charities of America**

2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC **(5/1/08 – 4/30/09)**

OUR MISSION

Independent Charities of America is an IRS-recognized tax-exempt federated group representing charitable organizations that specialize in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, protecting the children and healing the sick. Its mission is to organize and prepare its member charities for effective participation in at-work employee charitable fund drives and other types of fundraising activities, to screen and certify these charities to assure they meet the eligibility criteria to participate in these fund drives, to help educate contributors about the work of these worthy causes, and to provide for the secure, accurate, and timely transmission of contributions from the fund drives to the recipient charities. And to do all the above as cost-effectively as possible consistent with delivering quality service.

Originally established to help charities participate more effectively in the U.S. Government's annual employee fund drive, the Combined Federal Campaign, Independent Charities of America has expanded into fund drives conducted by state and municipal governments, United Ways, and corporations.

PROGRAM SERVICES

To accomplish its mission, Independent Charities of America provides the following programs and services to its members and to the giving public:

- ✓ Fund drive application assistance.
- ✓ Review and certification of charitable agency eligibility documentation.
- ✓ Representation of the members before fund drive organizing and/or regulatory authorities.
- ✓ Disseminating information about the work of the charities to the workplace giving public.
- ✓ Organizing member participation in fund drive promotional and educational events.
- ✓ Forwarding contributor name and address information, if requested, and accounting for and transmitting gift funds, with annual audit.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Independent Charities of America approved and certified 82 members in the Combined Federal Campaign and 999 members in other fund drive campaigns in the Fall 2008/2009 fund drive campaign year. We raised \$25.3 million in cash and pledges. A complete list of the member charities, including descriptions of their programs, addresses and direct contact information is available at www.independentcharitiesofamerica.org.

Either directly or through cooperative arrangements with other federations, members were presented in workplace fund drives reaching as many as 10 million employees. Members also had the option of participating in a variety of non-workplace fund raising programs. A detailed description of member services and benefits is available on the federation's web site.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUMMARY

For the year ended April 30, 2009

Public support:

Public sector campaigns	\$7,492,713
Private sector campaigns	1,524,551
Combined Federal Campaign	2,388,761
Other campaigns	0
Vehicle donations	1,795,754
Donor Advised Funds	125,849
Online Giving System donations	11,991,438
Charge to member agencies	920,877
Less estimated uncollectible pledges	(1,939,024)
Less amounts distributed to member charities	<u>(23,216,090)</u>
Total unrestricted support & revenue	1,084,829

Expenses:

Program services	660,280
Administration	71,664
Fundraising	<u>363,500</u>
Total expenses	1,095,444

Changes in net assets	(10,615)
Net assets, May 1st	64,291
Net assets, April 30th	53,676

The federation is audited by the firm of Maze & Associates, CPAs, headquartered in Pleasant Hill, California. A complete copy of their report for the fiscal year ended 4/30/2009 is available on request. A copy of the federation's Form 990 IRS tax return is available on our web site.

MEMBER CHARITY FEES

For the fiscal year 2008/2009, federation expenses for CFC exceeded revenue by \$220,747 and thus this amount was charged to CFC member agencies.

Member charities share in supporting the operating costs of the federation ("Total Expenses" in the federation audited financial statements) by having membership fees deducted from the donor-designated gifts they receive from the fund drives in which they participate as members of the federation. Fees are determined on a pro rata basis. For example, if gifts made to a member charity represent ten percent of the total of all gifts made to all members, that charity's share of federation operating costs will be ten percent.

Gifts made to the federation itself (versus gifts made to an individual member agency), and other federation revenue, such as interest income, are shared among all the member charities on the same proportionate basis. For example, if gifts made to a member charity represent ten percent of the total of all gifts made to all members, that charity's share of federation revenue will be ten percent.

Therefore, as a net result, should the federation's revenue exceed expenses in any given year, the member charities share the excess income in addition to the donor-designated gifts each has received; the membership fee is effectively zero. Conversely, should the federation's expenses exceed revenue, fees are apportioned against the members' donor-designated gifts to cover the net balance.

The proportionate formula notwithstanding, the federation "caps" fees that any individual member charity can be assessed. For revenue generated through the Combined Federal Campaign, there is a cap of \$12,500. For revenue from other fund drives, the cap is ten percent of gifts, with no minimum fixed dollar amount. Regardless of its respective gift totals, a member cannot be assessed an amount larger than this cap.

MEMBER CHARITY RESULTS – FALL 2008 CFC

	DESIGNATIONS	FEES
Advertising Council, Inc.	\$897	\$108
Aging Research, American Federation for (AFAR)	12,968	1,566
Air Charity Network	12,245	1,479
Airlift Hope of America	16,748	2,022
Alliance for Consumer Education	1,230	149
America the Beautiful Fund	12,223	1,476
Angel Flight	151,037	12,500
Angel Flight Northeast	8,595	1,038
Angel Flight West, Inc.	9,338	1,128
Art For Humanity	14,903	1,800
Art of Living Foundation	3,604	435
Baptist Charities of America	13,796	1,666
Black Charities for Children, Families, Communities	166,018	12,500
Black Women United For Action, Inc.	30,686	3,705
Blind and Visually Impaired Services Accreditation	18,935	2,286
Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence	27,689	3,343
Canine Health Foundation	20,181	2,437
Carter Center	128,176	12,500
Center for Auto Safety	2,036	246
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	6,339	765
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS)	64,676	7,810
Correctional Peace Officers Foundation	31,210	3,769
Disability Rights Advocates For Technology	10,457	1,263
Disabled Americans Employment Services	7,736	934
Dream Foundation	12,639	1,526
Energy Cures	6,457	780
Energy Future Coalition	4,211	508
Faces & Voices of Recovery	5,024	607
Family Promise, Inc.	7,137	862
FARM AID	65,504	7,910
Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc.	3,620	437
Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA)	424,127	12,500
Federation for American Immigration Reform	19,693	2,378
Federation of American Scientists	6,605	798
Food Providers of America	87,047	10,511
Free Wheelchair Mission	14,625	1,766
Friends Without a Border	3,895	470
Give 2 The Troops, Inc.	43,940	5,306
Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled	125,137	12,500
Herbal Medicine Institute	7,572	914
Hope for the City	7,322	884
Hospice Angel Flight	40,737	4,919
Hunger Defense Fund	63,469	7,664
Institute for Sustainable Communities	510	62
International Association for Human Values	3,614	436

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	DESIGNATIONS	FEEES
International Fellowship of Christians and Jews	\$107,900	\$12,500
Jobs!	7,349	887
Kiwanis International Foundation, Inc.	12,425	1,500
Leader Dogs for the Blind	14,030	1,694
Malaria - Nothing But Nets	31,049	3,749
Marijuana Policy Project Foundation	124,335	12,500
Media Research Center	4,809	581
Mercy Flight Southeast	5,154	622
Minority Media and Telecommunications Council	3,243	392
National Association of Service and Conservation Corps	1,171	141
National Center for Policy Analysis	895	108
National Organization for Victim Assistance	2,665	322
National Peace Corps Association	12,056	1,456
New Ways Ministry	2,247	271
North Shore Animal League America	27,417	3,311
Oxford House	14,992	1,810
Parents Television Council	2,306	278
Partnership for Public Service	3,207	387
Patient Advocate Foundation	3,432	414
Pedals for Progress	2,519	304
Points of Light Foundation	2,014	243
Poverty & Race Research Action Council	2,872	347
Results Educational Fund	3,941	476
Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association	52,041	6,284
Servicemembers Legal Defense Network	54,052	6,527
Straight Spouse Network	1,357	164
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA (SPAN USA)	22,567	2,725
Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, SNAP	7,167	865
Travelers Aid International	5,774	697
United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Inc.	18,645	2,251
Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program	13,202	1,594
Victims of Crime, National Center for	16,024	1,935
VolunteerMatch	521	63
Whirlwind Wheelchair International	1,631	197
Winn Feline Foundation, Inc.	10,942	1,321
World Federation for Mental Health	2,657	321
World Missions Possible, Inc.	7,012	847

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Independent Charities of America is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors who receive no compensation for their services.

Nancy Caldwell Mead, President
Ed Boyer, Vice President/Treasurer
Tom Layman, Secretary
John Pettitt, Member
Baillie Brown, Member

The federation does not retain regular staff employees but instead retains outside service providers under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The two principal outside service providers are Maguire/Maguire Association Management, for membership and campaign support services, and Local Independent Charities of America for fiscal agent services.