



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

2010 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC **(5/1/09 – 4/30/10)**

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 84 members in the Combined Federal Campaign and 1107 members in other fund drive campaigns in the Fall 2009/2010 fund drive campaign year and raised \$26.7 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, 2010

Public support:

Public sector campaigns	\$6,950,636
Private sector campaigns	1,234,620
Combined Federal Campaign	2,437,070
Vehicle donations	2,342,795
Donor Advised Funds	104,820
Online Giving System donations	13,650,265
Charge to member agencies	1,026,946
Less estimated uncollectible pledges	(1,699,572)
Less amounts distributed to member charities	<u>(24,806,298)</u>
Total unrestricted support & revenue	1,241,282

Expenses:

Program services	726,612
Administration	71,473
Fundraising	<u>377,167</u>
Total expenses	1,175,252

Changes in net assets	66,030
Net assets, May 1st	53,676
Net assets, April 30th	119,706

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 4/30/2010 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 2009/2010, federation expenses for CFC exceeded revenue by \$202,662 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, for the fiscal year 2009/2010, the federation "capped" fees that any individual member charity could be assessed. For revenue generated through the Combined Federal Campaign, there was a cap of \$12,500. For revenue from other fund drives, the cap was 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 2009 CFC

	DESIGNATIONS	FEEES
Advertising Council, Inc.	\$1,275	\$112
Aging Research, American Federation for (AFAR)	10,996	985
Air Charity Network	6,302	525
Air Compassion for Wounded Warriors	60,027	5,396
Airlift Hope of America	12,528	1,093
Alliance for Consumer Education	363	33
America the Beautiful Fund	15,061	1,353
Angel Flight	129,986	11,467
Angel Flight Northeast	10,551	924
Angel Fuel for Life	26,029	2,267
Architecture For Humanity	6,521	565
Art For Humanity	22,825	2,089
Black Charities for Children, Families, Communities	91,678	8,048
Black Women United For Action, Inc.	25,165	2,250
Blind and Visually Impaired Services Accreditation	18,195	1,594
Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence	24,173	2,256
Carter Center	124,966	11,196
Center for Auto Safety	1,239	110
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	8,343	786
Cold War Museum	2,862	257
Comfort for America's Uniformed Services	22,405	2,063
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS)	84,034	7,532
Correctional Peace Officers Foundation	20,748	1,835
Disabled Americans Employment Services	8,064	710
Dream Foundation	13,543	1,147
Energy Cures	5,986	533
Energy Future Coalition	13,102	1,137
Faces & Voices of Recovery	3,445	320
FARM AID	62,797	5,468
Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc.	3,461	295
Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA)	279,290	12,500
Federation for American Immigration Reform	21,267	1,915
Federation of American Scientists	5,091	465
Food Providers of America	64,691	5,761
Free Wheelchair Mission	12,866	1,130
Friends Without a Border	9,393	863
Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled	133,504	11,480
HomeAid America	5,225	452
Hope for the City	8,210	683
Hospice Angel Flight	42,336	3,687
Hospice Foundation for End-of-Life Care	130,057	11,346
Hunger Defense Fund	44,449	3,964
Institute for Sustainable Communities	880	77
International Association for Human Values	5,432	474
International Fellowship of Christians and Jews	113,081	9,978
International Social Service-United States of America Branch, Inc.	547	50
Jobs!	10,797	942
Jubilee USA Network	504	41
Kiwanis International Foundation, Inc.	12,464	1,054
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund	2,554	247

MEMBER CHARITY RESULTS – FALL 2009 CFC - continued

	DESIGNATIONS	FEEES
Malaria - Nothing But Nets	\$38,877	\$3,558
Marijuana Policy Project Foundation	114,905	9,564
Media Research Center	10,028	896
Mercy Flight Southeast	4,483	376
Minority Media & Telecommunications Council	3,845	328
National Association of Service and Conservation Corps	2,096	182
National Center for Policy Analysis	2,115	183
National Flag Foundation	2,194	191
National Organization for Victim Assistance	3,122	279
National Peace Corps Association	18,380	1,657
New Ways Ministry	4,281	400
Oxford House	20,528	1,902
Partnership for Public Service	2,639	247
Patient Advocate Foundation	1,144	102
Pedals for Progress, A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation	2,810	249
Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation	20,301	1,916
Physicians for Human Rights	3,202	287
Poverty & Race Research Action Council	5,674	505
Results Educational Fund	3,339	301
Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association	49,946	4,242
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA (SPAN USA)	14,779	1,299
Support our Troops®	124,194	10,842
Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, SNAP	6,641	584
Travelers Aid International	5,074	466
Trevor Project	10,531	969
United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Inc.	9,192	842
Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program	12,107	1,055
Victims of Crime, National Center for	18,495	1,639
Whirlwind Wheelchair International	1,017	91
Winn Feline Foundation, Inc.	12,159	1,074
World Federation for Mental Health	1,603	143
World Missions Possible, Inc.	2,148	181
Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation	137,237	12,026
Young Marines	32,122	2,833

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
Thomas Layman, Secretary
John Pettitt, Board Member
Baillie Brown, Board 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.