



# Philanthropy in Tennessee

The Council on Foundations is a membership organization of grantmaking foundations and corporations. Our mission is to provide the opportunity, leadership, and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance, and sustain their ability to advance the common good.

## Council on Foundations members:

- Number more than 1,800
- Have combined 2009 estimated assets of \$300 billion
- Made charitable grants of over \$20 billion in 2009

**Council on Foundations members include all types of grantmaking organizations:**

## Community Foundations (709 in the United States)\*

Build their endowments through contributions from many donors within a given geographic region, and typically focus on local need.

## Corporate Grantmakers (2,745)\*

May be private foundations established by for-profit corporations but legally separate from the parent corporation. May also be corporate giving programs, which are programs within a company that make charitable contributions from the company's pretax income.

## Family Foundations (38,339)\*

Are private foundations in which the original donor or the donor's family plays a significant role in governing the foundation.

## Independent Foundations (29,040)\*

Are private foundations, usually endowed by one source such as an individual's bequest or the conversion of a nonprofit to a for-profit organization.

## Operating Foundations (4,762)\*

Are private foundations that use most of their income to provide charitable services or programs of their own, rather than making grants to outside organizations.

## Public Foundations

Are public charities that operate significant grantmaking programs in addition to their other charitable activities.

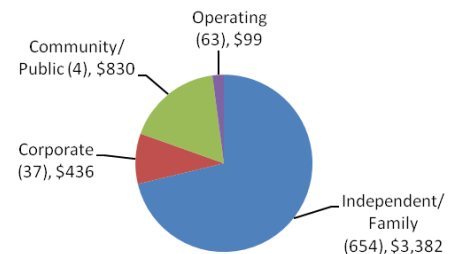
## Non-U.S.-Based Foundations

Exist in a wide variety of forms, including those described above as well as others that result from the various legal and economic institutions of different countries.

## Tennessee Philanthropy Statistics\*

Total Number of Foundations	758
Total Foundation Assets	\$4,748♦
Total Foundation Giving	\$465+
National Rank in Total Giving	24

**Assets of Tennessee Foundations by Type**  
(Number of each in Parentheses)



(Dollar amounts in millions)

## Top Tennessee Foundations by Assets+

The Maclellan Foundation, Inc..	\$390
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Inc	\$319
Community Foundation of Greater Memphis	\$318
Lyndhurst Foundation	\$175
The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc.	\$166

## Top Tennessee Foundations by Total Giving+

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Inc.	\$79
Community Foundation of Greater Memphis	\$36
The Poplar Foundation	\$20
The Maclellan Foundation, Inc.	\$18
The Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc.	\$16

## Top Foundations Awarding Grants in Tennessee

Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, TN
The Poplar Foundation, TN
The Ann and Monroe Carell Foundation, TN
Plough Foundation, TN
Hyde Family Foundations, TN

♦ Dollar amounts in billions

+ Dollar amounts in millions

\*All statistical information courtesy of *FC Stats: The Foundation Center's Statistical Information Service, 2008*