Each year, foundations and generous individuals provide millions of dollars of support for nonprofit organizations that strengthen the lives of Maine residents and their communities. As part of the Maine Philanthropy Center’s commitment to promote philanthropy and increase its impact in Maine, we have collected and analyzed the most recent data available to provide a snapshot of giving in Maine.

Individual Giving 2011

- Individual Maine residents donated over $586 million to charities in 2011 either through bequests after death ($155 million) or in declared charitable contributions ($432 million) during the year.
- These numbers represent a slight decrease of less than 1% in individual contributions which is in line with the national average.
- 145,748 Mainers at every income level reported charitable contributions on their federal tax returns.

More than one-quarter of Maine residents reported charitable contributions.

Charitable giving in Maine totaled nearly $816 million.

- 75% of all charitable giving comes from individuals through donations or bequests.
- Foundations 22%
- Corporate Giving 6%
- Individuals 53%
- Bequests 19%

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- $432 million
- Maine ranks 47th in Individual Giving
- 23%

U.S.

- $175 billion
- 26%

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- $2,963
- Maine ranks 50th in Average Gift Size
- $7.7 million

U.S.

- 4,596
- $10.4 million

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- 40%
- Maine ranks 9th in Average Bequest Size
- 40%

U.S.

- 22%

Maine ranks 3rd in Percentage of Estates with Charitable Bequests

$2.8 billion was donated to charity by Maine individuals in the past 5 years.