

Oregon's 20 Worst Charities - 2010

Charities are required to file periodic financial reports with the Oregon Department of Justice documenting their national fundraising and expenditures and explaining how donations were spent. Under guidelines issued by the Better Business Bureau (BBB), organizations should dedicate at least 65% of their funds to charitable programs, with no more than 35% toward administrative and fundraising costs. The following charities registered to do business in Oregon failed to meet that standard based on a three-year average of annual expenditures. This is not an exclusive list, but represents the 20 charities that fell farthest from the BBB guidelines. For more information, visit <http://www.oregonattorneygeneral.gov>.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Average Annual Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Used for Charitable Cause</u>
Shiloh International Ministries La Verne, CA Purpose: To provide medical necessities and moral support to needy children and to provide assistance to the homeless	\$937,315	3.63%
Law Enforcement Education Program Troy, MI Purpose: To educate teenagers on the effects of alcohol	\$1,893,929	6.26%
Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library Rantoul, IL Purpose: To preserve a record of participation in the Korean War, educate the public, and to promote friendship among vets	\$2,265,809	7.03%
Foundation for American Veterans, Inc. West Bloomfield, MI Purpose: Promoting social and recreational welfare for current and past U.S. Armed Forces members, dependents, widows, widowers and others	\$4,677,071	10.22%
Dogs Against Drugs/ Dogs Against Crime Anderson, IN Purpose: Drug Education and Crime Prevention	\$1,070,846	10.30%
National Vietnam Veterans Foundation Alexandria, VA Purpose: Support of Veterans Organizations	\$3,383,753	10.92%

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Firefighters Charitable Foundation Farmingdale, NY Purpose: To provide financial assistance to individuals affected by a fire or disaster	\$4,974,211	11.09%
Committee for Missing Children Lawrenceville, GA Purpose: Distribution of photos of missing children, education and case management, and the development of an international database	\$2,758,671	11.51%
The Wishing Well Foundation Metairie, LA Purpose: Fulfilling the fondest wish of any terminally ill child not expected to reach 18 years of age	\$1,299,852	11.57%
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund Arlington VA Purpose: To provide legal assistance to law enforcement officers	\$3,431,820	13.16%
Disabled Police Officers of America Niceville, FL Purpose: Educational Programs for Police Officers	\$894,660	14.24%
Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Inc. Niceville, FL Purpose: Assist disabled police officers	\$594,408	14.84%
Foundation for Children with Cancer (formerly Reach Our Children) St. Louis, MO Purpose: To provide financial assistance to families with children with pediatric cancer	\$2,959,726	15.23%
American Medical Research Organization Sarasota, FL Purpose: To support medical research in the cause, cure, and treatment of macular degeneration	\$672,288	16.19%

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National Veterans Service Fund, Inc. Darien, CT Purpose: Inform and educate in conjunction with service-related illnesses and work to raise public awareness of the contributions veterans make to our society	\$7,173,335	20.44%
Children's Leukemia Research Association, Inc. Garden City NJ Purpose: To support research efforts into the causes and cure of leukemia and to provide assistance with expenses incurred in leukemia treatment	\$1,479,548	20.49%
Dakota Indian Foundation Chamberlain, SD Purpose: Assist in education of Indian people and preservation of Native American culture	\$1,229,750	21.55%
Cancer Support Services, Dearborn, MI Purpose: To support the charitable mission of Cancer Fund of America and to provide financial support to indigent cancer patients	\$7,656,871	22.27%
Project Cure, Inc. Bradenton FL Purpose: Increasing public and professional awareness about the prevention, detection, and treatment of various chronic diseases	\$4,692,160	24.28%
Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth Everett, WA Purpose: To provide free services 24 hours a day 7 days a week regarding missing youth	\$1,958,896	24.53%