

# Oregon's 20 Worst Charities

## 2011

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>Percent Spent On Charitable Cause</u>
<b>Shiloh International Ministries</b> La Verne, CA Purpose: Provide medical necessities and moral support to needy children and assistance to the homeless.	\$846,340	3.2%
<b>American Medical Research Organization</b> Sarasota, FL Purpose: Support medical research on the cause, cure and treatment of macular degeneration.	\$783,217	4.2%
<b>Law Enforcement Education Program</b> Troy, MI Purpose: Support efforts to educate young adults about law enforcement, safety issues and the misuse of alcohol.	\$2,152,628	4.6%
<b>Firefighters Charitable Foundation</b> Farmingdale, NY	\$6,245,150	8.8%

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to individuals affected by a fire or disaster.

**Disabled Police** \$1,197,948 9.9%

**Officers of America**

Niceville, FL

Purpose: Educational Programs for Police Officers.

**The Wishing Well** \$1,249,566 10.0%

**Foundation**

Metairie, LA

Purpose: Fulfill the fondest wish for any terminally ill child not expected to reach 18 years of age.

**National Vietnam** \$4,152,636 10.4%

**Veterans Foundation**

Alexandria, VA

Purpose: Support veterans' organizations

**Foundation for** \$5,401,519 10.9%

**American Veterans**

West Bloomfield, MI

Purpose: Promote the social and recreational welfare of current and past U.S. Armed Forces members, dependents, widows, widowers and others.

**Dogs Against Drugs/** \$1,042,284 11.1%

**Dogs Against Crime**

Anderson, IN

Purpose: Drug Education and Crime Prevention

**Operation Lookout** \$1,589,751 11.5%

**National Center for**

**Missing Youth**

Everett, WA

Purpose: Provide free services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week regarding missing youth.

**Making Memories** \$1,159,654 11.8%

**Breast Cancer**

**Foundation of America**

Milwaukie, OR

Purpose: Grant wishes for terminally ill breast cancer patients, advance awareness of breast cancer and educate the public about available resources.

**Disabled Police Officers**                      \$588,683    12.7%

**Counseling Center**

Niceville, FL

Purpose: Assist disabled police officers

**Committee for Missing**                      \$2,539,893    12.7%

**Children**

Lawrenceville, GA

Purpose: Locate missing children

**Law Enforcement**                              \$3,257,209    14.5%

**Legal Defense Fund**

Arlington, VA

Purpose: Provide legal assistance to law enforcement officers when it is necessary to defend actions taken in the line of duty.

**Caring for Our**                                  \$618,658    15.3%

**Children Foundation**

Everett, WA

Purpose: Provide administrative assistance to other non-profits and give small grants to underfunded nonprofits that help victimized and missing children.

**National Veterans**                              \$8,782,946    18.9%

**Service Fund**

Darien, CT

Purpose: Inform and educate in conjunction with service-related illnesses and work to raise public awareness of the contributions of veterans to our society.

**Children's Leukemia**                      \$1,400,320    21.2%

**Research Association**

Garden City, NJ

Purpose: Support research efforts into the causes and cure of leukemia and to provide assistance in meeting expenses incurred in treatment.

**Dakota Indian**                                  \$1,255,942    21.7%

**Foundation**

Chamberlain, SD

Purpose: Assist in education of Indian people and preservation of Native American culture.

**Project Cure**                      \$4,833,111                      23.3%  
Bradenton, FL

Purpose: Increase public and professional awareness about the prevention, detection and treatment of various chronic diseases.

**Korean War Veterans**            \$1,732,895                      26.1%  
**National Museum and**  
**Library**

Rantoul, IL

Purpose: Preserve a record of participation in the Korean War, educate the public and promote friendship among vets.