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Are Americans Generous?

Let's Just Say We're Far From Stingy!

Charitable [giving in the US](#) last year reached an all-time high - **\$306.4 billion** - exceeding \$300 billion for the first time ever.

According to [Giving USA 2008](#), a report of philanthropy written by the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University, a strong start to the economy last year helped overcome worries related to higher gas prices and the mortgage crisis. And despite end-of-year worries, giving was not just up; it was up 3.9 percent.

Giving USA breaks down charitable giving into [subsectors](#): Arts/Culture/Humanities; Education; Environment/Animals; Health; Human Services; Public-Society Benefit; International Affairs; and Religion. According to George C. Ruotolo, chair of the Giving Institute, "every subsector (except private foundations) is projected to have seen increases in 2007. This last occurred in 2001."

Nationwide, charitable giving to the religious subsector took the top spot; in Central PA, the latest figures show education as the most popular subsector.

Are your clients feeling generous? With more than 400 named funds, the Community Foundation is well equipped to connect your clients with causes that matter to them. Call us at 717.848.3733 or email us at info@yccf.org to make the connection.

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