Charitable Giving Resource Guide

KNOW YOUR CHARITY.
All charities have a specific charitable mission and provide programs and services to carry out that mission. Choose a charity with a mission that matches your own passions - a charity that can point to specific goals and programs it is sponsoring to fulfill its stated mission.

INCLUSION IN THE SECC.
In order to be included in the SECC, each charity must represent at least 10 member agencies and submit a current license to solicit/registration or exemption letter, an audit report or copy of IRS Form 990, 501(c)(3) determination letter and a signed copy of the SECC non-discrimination policy. Participating organizations must carry out a bona fide program of charitable services for health and/or welfare. Visit www.MISECC.org for more information.

DO YOUR RESEARCH.
Charities that participate in the SECC can be found at http://www.misecc.org/charity_listings.html. These listings include contact information, website address and a 25-word statement. As a donor, it is smart to gather as much information as possible about your charity so you can make an informed decision about giving.

DONOR RESOURCES:

Office of the Attorney General
Charitable Trust Database Research

Charity Navigator
www.charitynavigator.org
Top 10 Practices of Savvy Donors
Questions To Ask Charities Before Donating
Tax Benefits of Giving
Guide to Giving in the Workplace

Better Business Bureau
BBB Wise Giving Alliance Charity Review

GuideStar
http://www2.guidestar.org/
Just Give

Great Nonprofits
http://greatnonprofits.org/

Charity Watch
Tips for Giving Wisely

Visit www.MISECC.org for an electronic version with clickable links.