



## 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](http://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](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](http://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](http://www.MISECC.org) for an electronic version with clickable links.