

Give Wisely & Well – Investigating Charitable Organizations

A listing of reliable web sites compiled by the Library Staff

CHARITY NAVIGATOR ~ www.charitynavigator.org

Evaluates charities; helps user find an organization they can trust; features Top Ten lists; articles, tips and resources and a searchable index of charities.

CHARITY WATCH ~ www.charitywatch.org

Maintained by the American Institute of Philanthropy; evaluates and rates charities. Tips for giving wisely, searchable index of charities, and more.

E-GIVING TIPS ~ www.minnesotagiving.org/options/etips.htm

Tips from *Minnesota Toolkit* apply anywhere users wish to donate online. A great resource for learning about Internet safety as it relates to online donations.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC); TIPS ON GIVING WISELY ~

www.ftc.gov/bcp/menus/consumer/phone/charities.shtm

Features a Charity checklist, where to complain, how to check up on charities, how to deal with follow-up solicitations.

GIVE.ORG ~ www.give.org

Maintained by the Better Business Bureau; offers tips, publications and a searchable index of evaluated charities.

GUIDESTAR ~ www.guidestar.org

Searchable database of charities. Key feature - connects contributors and grant-makers with non-profit charities.

IRS PUBLICATION 78 (Online version) ~ <http://apps.irs.gov/app/pub78>

Searchable database of charities; FAQs, tax information, guidance ...Click on the *Contributors* tab for more information on donating wisely and helpful tax information.

NASCOnet ~ www.nasconet.org/agencies

National Association of State Charity Officials. Find out more about specific charitable Organizations; search by state. Click on *Search Charities Bureau Registry* for specifics.

NEW YORK CHARITIES ~ www.nycharities.org

Search for a local charity, make donations online, donate "time, money or talent." Access charities that focus on New York's concerns.