



Christian Legacy Foundation

True Riches eNewsletter November 2008

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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Giving in Uncertain Times: A Letter From the NCF President

The waves of recent crises in our financial markets present many challenges to all of us. Almost overnight, we are faced with tough decisions to make about our finances and our giving. As I considered my own personal response to this crisis, I realized that this time presents a unique spiritual opportunity - the challenge to give out of faith. [Read more](#)



David Wills

Get Your Year-end Charitable Checkup!

Because of year-end tax deadlines, fall is a particularly good time to get organized with your giving.

Here are a few reasons to give us a call:

- You are going to have to pay **too much in taxes** this year.
- You need to **simplify your giving**.
- Your **private foundation** has become a **hassle** and you need an alternative.
- You want to do some **giving anonymously**.
- **Not sure who to donate to** but you need the tax deduction now.
- Need to **do your giving as effectively and efficiently** as possible.



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[More information on your options.](#)

NCF and Affiliates Experience Increased Grants to Charities Despite Economic Problems

The National Christian Foundation and its affiliates are experiencing increased granting activity this year despite the tough economic climate. Grants to charities through the third quarter of 2008 were \$327 million versus \$224 million, up 46% from 2007 levels.

Locally, giving out of Christian Legacy Foundation grew from \$2.0 million to \$3.0 million over the same period, a 50% increase.

The increased giving, which comes as the weakening economy has cut contributions to nonprofits nationwide, demonstrates one of the most compelling features of donor-advised funds-namely their capacity to pool charitable assets and create "charitable reserves" that can be tapped during economic downturns.

The New Face of Philanthropy

From www.onwallstreet.com
by Helen Kearney

When Sondra Shaw-Hardy was mapping out her annual charitable giving plan, she decided to include a donation to a local university. A few weeks later an envelope from the university appeared in her mailbox-addressed to her husband, who had died seven years earlier. Curious, she opened it only to find a thank-you note for the donation. "He didn't even go to that university, but for some reason they assumed it was a male who donated."

It may have been an innocent mistake on behalf of the institution but Shaw-Hardy feels it is symptomatic of a lingering bias in the philanthropic world. "The major reason why women aren't giving more is they're not being asked. The old boys network is still part of the fundraising apparatus and it's assumed women don't have control of the finances," says Shaw-Hardy, an author and co-founder of the Women's Philanthropy Institute now based at Indiana University.

[Read the rest of the article here.](#)

Local Ministry Events

Christian Legacy Foundation is now exclusively using the community calendar of FaithTampaBay.com, because of the strategic relationship between the two ministries.

December 6 - Crown Small Group Leader Training 8:30 -

3:00 Christ the King Church Register at www.crown.org or contact Bob Swatland at 727-392-6364.

Watch for details on some fantastic events coming in 2009!

January 10 - Crown Small Group Leader Training 8:30 - 3:00 Christ the King Church Register at www.crown.org or contact Bob Swatland at 727-392-6364.

January 31 - Super Bowl Breakfast

February - CLF Foundation Training

March - Compassion Awards

April - Generous Giving National Conference in Arizona

If your ministry event isn't listed, please go to www.FaithTampaBay.com and sign up with them or let us know by emailing Angie at angie@clfinc.org. We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

A Laugh A Day...

Head Hog

A church secretary takes a call. The caller says, "Is the head hog at the trough there?"

The secretary says, "Please Sir, do not refer to our pastor as the head hog at the trough. That is very insulting."

"Oh, I'm very sorry. I meant nothing by that. It's just a local phrase we use in the part of the country I come from. The real reason I called was to donate \$50,000.00 to your building fund."

The secretary says, "Hold on. I see the 'Big Oinker' coming through the door right now."

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