



THE **Smart Giver** SM



The newsletter from the Charities Review Council www.SmartGivers.org

Strengthening Your Favorite Nonprofit



In an age of information overload and endless choices, smart givers like you know the importance of making informed decisions. By being proactive about your giving choices and valuing the Charities Review Council as a trusted resource for objective information on nonprofits, you are shaping the future of the philanthropic sector to be more engaged and effective.

The individuals using our information to guide their giving choices are a vital component to improving the nonprofit sector, and the review process the nonprofits go through to earn the seal is just as important. The Council works every day with hundreds of organizations that find indispensable value in our Accountability Standards, which give them the resources and information needed to earn the Meets Standards seal. So, while looking through the *Smart Givers Newsletter*, take comfort in knowing that the Council has helped strengthen your favorite nonprofits listed this spring.

A look behind the scenes:

The Value of Accountability Standards

The Accountability Standards are designed to provide a nonprofit with the core groundwork needed to become a strong, healthy organization. When a nonprofit earns

the Meets Standards seal, the organization not only has confidence in its internal systems, but also knows it has the means necessary to gain the public's trust through accountable and transparent practices.

"Earning the Meets Standards seal, it enables us to demonstrate that we honor the trust people have in Second Harvest North Central Food Bank and assures the public that resources are used for the purpose intended—ending hunger."

– Sue Estes
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Technical Assistance for Nonprofits

The Charities Review Council goes beyond giving a nonprofit the thumbs up or down. It also provides technical assistance to nonprofits during the review process. By forming a relationship with our nonprofit clients, the Council is better able to offer resources, information, and the extra help needed to complete the review. This assistance can be critical in helping organizations with less capacity and fewer resources to better align their organizational practices and procedures with the Accountability Standards.

At the end of the day, informed givers working in tandem with accountable and transparent nonprofits promote a more effective social sector with increased capacity to do good. As a smart giver, you can always rely on the Council to not only provide useful information about nonprofits, but also go above and beyond to help your favorite nonprofits better carry out their missions.

If you have a favorite nonprofit that you do not see listed with a review, encourage them to call the Council to find out more about a review and how it can help them become a stronger organization.

IN THIS ISSUE...

Spring-Summer 2011

- **Strengthening Your Favorite Nonprofit**
- **Grantmakers Value Accountability**
- **Giving Guide**

Three Easy Ways to Check Out Charity Reviews Before Giving



Check out the Giving Guide on page 3 of this newsletter for a list of reviewed charities.



Call
(651) 224-7030 or
(800) 733-GIVE



Click
SmartGivers.org

Charities
REVIEW
Council[®]
resources for smart givers

Grantmakers Value Accountability

Charities Review Council works with nonprofits to build a stronger sector, but we are not alone in this journey. The Council not only has individual donors supporting our work, but also institutional funders like grantmakers who have become Accountability Partners. With resources stretched, funders know the value in promoting and strengthening nonprofit accountability. Many institutional funders have taken an active role to incorporate the Charities Review Council's Accountability Standards into their grantmaking process. In particular, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation has partnered with Charities Review Council to strengthen the capacity of their grantees. Through this partnership, the foundation's grantees are given the opportunity to participate in the Accountability Wizard and the Council provides resources to the grantees to supply extra hands-on help throughout the process.

Nonprofit Spotlight:



Karen Organization of Minnesota

နီနီဆိုးထေးကရင်ထေးဖျိုးသေးထေးညှိုးထေးရုံး
ဗဟိုဌာန၊ ဗဟိုဌာန၊ ကလေးကလေး၊ ကလေးကလေး၊
ကျေးဇူးတင်အားပေးရန်အတွက်

One of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation's grantees participating in our review process is the Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM). KOM provides resources for the Karen people and other refugees from Burma living in Minnesota and the United States.

We asked KOM's Executive Director, Chong B. Vang, a few questions about what it has been like to work with the Council thus far:



What do you think the value of going through the review process is?

"The review process shows that our organization is managed well and that we are transparent in all aspects of what we do. This process shows we have things in place to function and run well and the resources we get are being used wisely."

What has been most helpful in preparing and going through the review process?

"To know all the little details that are involved and how Charities Review Council makes sure that every organization is clear on how the review works and what it means to go through the process. Having Charities Review Council along throughout the process is very helpful. To be able to ask questions and get good answers and direction is helpful."

To find out more about our Accountability Partners, visit the grantmakers section on our website: SmartGivers.org/for_grantmakers.html

Message from the Executive Director



Greetings Friends,

The Charities Review Council has been serving conscientious donors and nonprofits since 1946. While much has changed through the years, we are grateful for people like you who have given testimony along the way to one of our guiding principles—that if philanthropic and community-minded citizens have access to resources for informed giving, our communities will be more vibrant.

I invite you to help celebrate our 65th anniversary this year and support our important work by returning a contribution to us in the enclosed envelope.

I also hope to see you in person at our June 21st Annual Forum luncheon described on page 8 of this newsletter.

We truly appreciate your support. Together we are strengthening our charitable sector.

Best Regards,

Rich Cowles
Executive Director

Giving Guide 2011

The Charities Review Council does not endorse or disapprove of any organization. Inclusion in or omission from the Giving Guide does not imply approval or disapproval.



The Charities Review Council determined that the organization meets all standards.



The Charities Review Council determined that the organization did not meet one or more of the standards. A list of unmet standards follows.

How to use this Guide

How does a charity get listed?

This list features charities that have voluntarily participated in reviews with us to help demonstrate transparency. Reviews, valid for three years, are based on adherence to our Accountability Standards (visit our website, SmartGivers.org, for detailed information about the standards) and require a small administrative payment.

Are you looking for a charity that isn't listed?

This list reflects the latest review results as of April 1, 2011. If a charity is not listed, it is either an unreviewed charity or has not completed its review. If a charity has not been reviewed, encourage the organization to sign up for a review. See back cover of this newsletter to learn how to request a charity to sign up for a review.

How can I get information about unreviewed charities?

You can find limited information about unreviewed charities on SmartGivers.org as provided by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, Charities Division or call us at (651) 224-7030 to ask about unreviewed charities.

Accountability Standards

In April 2010, the Charities Review Council began applying a revised set of Accountability Standards to charity reviews. The list below is a combination of nonprofits reviewed with the revised set of Accountability Standard and those that were reviewed with the previous set of standards. As reviews under the previous set of standards expire, those charities will have an opportunity to renew and be reviewed under the revised Accountability Standards.

Giving Guide

April 1, 2011

Real-time up-to-date nonprofit listings available online at www.SmartGivers.org

- A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (New Organization)
- AccessAbility, Inc.
- Accessible Space, Inc.
- AccountAbility Minnesota
- AchieveMpls
- Admission Possible
- Advocates for Human Rights, The
- Aeon
- African American AIDS Task Force
- African Community School (New Organization)
- African Families Development Network (New Organization)
- Agape 24hr. Child Development Centers Administration Office
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Accomplishments, Board Meetings, Conflict Of Interest Policy, Board Compensation, Board/Staff Positions, Board Term Limits, Use Of Funds, Board Fiduciary Oversight, Ethical Fundraising, Voluntary Charitable Giving
- Alexandra House, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency, Financial Health
- Aliveness Project, The
- Alliance Housing Incorporated
- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc., Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter
- American Cancer Society
- American Composers Forum
- American Red Cross - South Central MN Chapter
- American Red Cross - Southeast Minnesota Chapter
- American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter
Meets all standards except: Financial Health
- American Refugee Committee
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Minnesota Chapter, The
- Angel Foundation
- Animal Humane Society
- ARAHA
- Arc Greater Twin Cities
- Arc Midstate
- Arrowhead Zoological Society
- Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter
- Asian Media Access
- Association for Nonsmokers - Minnesota
- The Banyan Community
- Bakken Museum, The
Meets all standards except: Financial Health
- Basic Needs Inc. of South Washington County d/b/a Stone Soup Thrift Shop
- Bear Creek Services
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency, Conflict Of Interest Policy, Board Fiduciary Oversight, Ethical Fundraising
- BestPrep
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
- Books For Africa, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- Brain Injury Association of Minnesota
- Breanna's Gift
- Bridge for Hudson Youth, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Bridges of Hope
- Bridging, Inc.
- Business, Arts and Recreation Center
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds, Financial Health
- Cabrini Partnership
- Camp Odayin
- Cancer Legal Line (New Organization)
- CAPI
- CARE
- CaringBridge
- Carmen Pampa Fund
- Casa de Esperanza

Giving Guide – continued

April 1, 2011



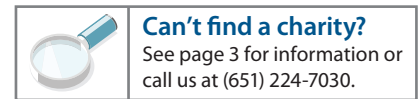
Can't find a charity?

See page 3 for information or call us at (651) 224-7030.

- Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud
- Center for Victims of Torture
- Central Minnesota Community Foundation
- Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women
- Channel One, Inc.
- Charities Review Council (Informational Self-Review)
- Child Care Choices, Inc.
- ChildFund International
- Children's Cancer Research Fund
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Children's Dental Services
- Children's Health Care Foundation
- Children's HeartLink
- Children's Home Society & Family Services
- Children's Shelter of Cebu
- Children's Theatre Company, The
- Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester
- Christian Appalachian Project
- City of Lakes Community Land Trust
- Common Hope
- CommonBond Communities
- Commonwealth Theatre Company
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency, Use Of Funds
- Communities Investing in Families
- Community Action Duluth, Inc.
- Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties
- Community Emergency Assistance Program, Inc.
- Community Health Charities Minnesota
- Community Involvement Programs
- Community Mediation Services, Inc.
- Community Shares of Minnesota
- Community Thread
- Como Friends
- COMPAS
- Compatible Technology International
- Comunitades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
- Confidence Learning Center
- Conflict Resolution Center
- Cookie Cart
- CornerHouse
- Cornerstone Advocacy Service
- Courage Center
- Crisis Connection
- CROSS
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Dakota Communities
- Dakota Woodlands
- DARTS
- Diversity Council
- Dodge Nature Center
- Domestic Abuse Project
- East Metro Women's Council
- East Side Neighborhood Services, Inc.
- East Suburban Resources, Inc.
- ECHO Minnesota (New Organization)
- Eco Education
- Emerge Community Development
- Emergency Foodshelf Network
- Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
- eQuality - Pathways to Potential
- Evergreen House, Inc., The
- Eye-Link Foundation (New Organization)
- Face To Face
- Fairview Foundation
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Faith's Lodge (New Organization)
- Family Hope Services, Inc. / TreeHouse
- Family Partnership, The
- Family Pathways
- Family Tree Clinic
- FamilyMeans
- Feed My Starving Children
- Fergus Falls Senior Citizens Program, Inc.
- Food for Hungry Minds
- Fraser
- Free Arts Minnesota
- Free to Be, Inc.
- Freeport West
- Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- Genesis II for Families, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys
- Goodwill / Easter Seals Minnesota
- Great Neighborhoods! Development Corporation
- Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation
- Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Guild Incorporated
- Haiti Outreach, Inc.
- Hazelden Foundation
- Headwaters Foundation for Justice
- HealthEast Foundation
- Heart of the Beast Theatre, Inc.
- Helping Hands Outreach to Elders, Inc.
- Helping Paws, Inc.
- Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas
- HFH of Douglas County, Minnesota, Inc.
- Hmong American Partnership
- Home for Life / The Animal Sanctuary of St. Croix Valley, Inc.
- Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota
- Hope Community, Inc.
- Hospice Minnesota
- House of Charity, Inc.
- HousingLink, The
- HSI / Human Services, Inc.
- Hunger Solutions Minnesota
- Initiative Foundation
- Intercongregation Communities Association
- Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners
- Jabbok Family Services
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency, Ethical Fundraising
- Jeremiah Program
- Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis
- Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest
Meets all standards except: Reporting Consistency, Use Of Funds
- Joseph's Coat, Inc.
- Jungle Theater, The
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, Inc.
- Kinship of Greater Minneapolis
- La Oportunidad
- Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.
- Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, Inc.

Giving Guide – continued

April 1, 2011



Can't find a charity?

See page 3 for information or call us at (651) 224-7030.

- Lao Family Community of MN, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Board Compensation, Board Fiduciary Oversight
- Latino Economic Development Center
- Laura Baker School Association
- Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- League of Women Voters Minneapolis
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Learning Disabilities Association
- Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well Being
- Legal Rights Center, Inc.
- Let's Go Fishing With Seniors
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc., The
- Library Foundation of Hennepin County
- LifeSource / Upper Midwest Organ Procurement Organization, Inc.
- Lifetrack Resources, Inc.
- Life-Work Planning Center Board, Inc.
- Lifeworks Services, Inc.
- Link, The
- Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly
- Loaves and Fishes Too
- Loft, Inc., The
- Lourdes Foundation, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Lupus Foundation of Minnesota
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry
- Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota
- Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc.
- Mano a Mano International Partners
- MAP for Nonprofits
- McLeod Emergency Food Shelf
- Mediation Services for Anoka County
- Memorial Blood Centers
- Mental Health Association of Minnesota
- Merrick Community Services
- Merrick, Inc.
- Metro Meals on Wheels, Inc.
- Metropolitan Economic Development Association
- Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance
- Midwest Special Services, Inc.
- Miller-Dwan Foundation
Meets all standards except: Reserve Limits
- Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
- Minneapolis Urban League
- Minnesota Adoption Resource Network
- Minnesota Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, The
- Minnesota AIDS Project
- Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
- Minnesota Council for Quality, Inc.
- Minnesota Council on Economic Education
- Minnesota Dance Theatre & The Dance Institute
- Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- Minnesota Fathers & Families Network
- Minnesota Fighting AIDS on Bikes
- Minnesota Home Ownership Center
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds, Board Fiduciary Oversight
- Minnesota Land Trust
- Minnesota Life College
- Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc.
- Minnesota Medical Foundation
- Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting
- Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Inc.
- Minnesota Public Radio
- Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Foundation
- Minnesota Stroke Association
- Minnesota Teen Challenge
- Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association
- Minnetonka Center for the Arts
- Miracles of Mitch Foundation
- Mississippi River Fund (New Organization)
- Model Cities of St. Paul, Inc.
- Morton Cure Paralysis Fund
- MPD Foundation
- NAMI Minnesota
- National Blood Clot Alliance
- National Kidney Foundation, Inc.
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Minnesota Chapter
- Native Americans in Philanthropy
- Neighborhood Development Center
- Neighbors, Inc.
- Northern Clay Center
- Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council
- Northwest Youth & Family Services
- One Heartland
- Open Arms of Minnesota
- Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless
- Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
- Overcomers Outreach Ministries, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Financial Health, Board Fiduciary Oversight
- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc.
- Parks & Trails Council of MN
Meets all standards except: Reserve Limits
- People Incorporated
- People Reaching Out To Other People
- People Responding in Social Ministry
- People Serving People, Inc.
- Perspectives, Inc.
- Pet Haven Incorporated of Minnesota
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency
- Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
- Plan USA / Plan International USA, Inc.
- Playwrights' Center, The
- Plymouth Christian Youth Center
- Preservation Alliance of Minnesota
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota
- Productive Alternatives, Inc.
- Project for Pride in Living Inc.
- Project Pathfinder, Inc.
- Reading Center, The
- Rebuilding Together Twin Cities
- Red River Valley Dental Access Project
- Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities (New Organization)
- RELATE Counseling Center
- RESOURCE, Inc.
- ResourceWest
- Restart, Inc.
- Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc. (RJCA)

Giving Guide – continued

April 1, 2011

- Rochester Area Family Y
Meets all standards except: Financial & Annual Reporting, Reporting Consistency, Conflict Of Interest Policy, Ethical Fundraising, Soliciting Practices
- Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity
- Rochester Art Center
- Rochester Neighborhood Resource Center
- Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, MN, Inc
- RS EDEN
- Rum River Health Services, Inc.
- Sabathani Community Center
Meets all standards except: Financial Health
- Sabes Jewish Community Center
- SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education)
- Scholarship America, Inc.
- Search Institute
- Second Harvest Heartland
- Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
- Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
- Semcac
- Senior Community Services
- Sherburne County Area United Way
- Sight & Hearing Association
- Simpson Housing Services, Inc.
- Slavic Community Center
Meets all standards except: Use Of Funds
- Sojourner Project, Inc.
- Somali Multi Service (New Organization)
- Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women
- Southside Family Nurturing Center
- Spare Key
- Springboard for the Arts
- Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women
- St. Croix Valley Community Foundation
- St. David's Center for Child & Family Development
- St. Louis Park Emergency Program
- St. Paul Neighborhood Network
- St. Stephen's Human Services
- Store To Door
- Storefront Group, The
- Students Today Leaders Forever

- Surgical Eye Expeditions International, Inc.
Meets all standards except: Board Fiduciary Oversight
- Tasks Unlimited, Inc.
- Tanzania Life Project
- Teens Alone, Inc.
- Ten Thousand Things Theater
- Textile Center of Minnesota
- Tix for Tots (New Organization)
- Touchstone Mental Health
- Tree Trust
- Tubman
- Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus
- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
- Twin Cities RISE!
- Twin Cities Salvation Army, The
- Union Gospel Mission Association of St. Paul
- Union Gospel Mission, Inc.
- United Cerebral Palsy of Central Minnesota
- United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties
- United Way of Greater Duluth, Inc.
- United Way of Olmsted County, Inc.
- United Way of Washington County - East
- United Way of West Central Minnesota
- Vail Place
- VEAP Inc.
- Village Family Service Center, The
- VocalEssence
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Ltd.
- Volunteer Resource Center
- Volunteers of America of Minnesota
- Voyageurs National Park Association
- WACOSA
- Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center
- Washburn Center for Children
- WATCH
- Way to Grow, Inc.
- Wayside House, Inc., The
- We Can Ride, Inc.
- WellShare International
- West Suburban Teen Clinic
- Wilderness Inquiry
- Will Steger Foundation
- Windustry
Meets all standards except: Legal Compliance, Financial & Annual Reporting

- Women's Advocates, Inc.
- Women's Foundation of Minnesota
- WomenVenture
- YMCA of Greater Saint Paul
- YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis
- Youth Frontiers
- Youth Performance Company
- Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
- YouthCARE
- YWCA of Minneapolis
- YWCA St. Paul

Reviews in Progress

Charities listed as "Review in Progress" are currently being evaluated.

- 1000 Friends of Minnesota
- Access Justice (New Organization)
- ACES (Athletes Committed to Educating Students)
- Agape Riding Center (New Organization)
- ALSAC/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Diabetes Association
- American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest
- Annex Teen Clinic
- Ascension Place, Inc.
- Avenues for Homeless Youth
- Bolder Options
- Bridges to Learning
- Can Do Canines
- Child Foundation
- Children's Safety Centers
- City of Lakes Waldorf School
- Clare Housing
- Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin
- Construction Career Training Program
- Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
- Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter #1
- Falls Hunger Coalition, Inc.
- Franconia Sculpture Park
- Friendship Ventures
- Greater Mankato Area United Way
- HOPE Center



Can't find a charity?

See page 3 for information or call us at (651) 224-7030.

Giving Guide – continued

April 1, 2011

Human Relief, Inc.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Rochester

International Breast Milk Project

JSAW Xtreme

Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, Inc.

Karen Organization of Minnesota

Keystone Community Services

Kids Against Hunger, Inc.

Legal Assistance of Washington County, Inc.

Listening House of St. Paul

March of Dimes Foundation

MDI

Minneapolis Community and Technical College Foundation

Minneapolis Jewish Federation

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Minnesota International Center

Minnesota Sinfonia

Minnesota Veterans Medical Research & Education Foundation

Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency

Mixed Blood Theatre

Muscular Dystrophy Association

NAMI Southeast MN

Northeast Dinner Bell, Inc.

Northern Dental Access Center

Olmsted County Historical Society

Open Cities Health Center.com

PACER Center, Inc.

Pillager Family Council

Pillsbury United Communities

Pro Choice Resources

ProAct, Inc.

Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale

St. Paul Area Council of Churches

Scott Carver Dakota CAP Agency, Inc.

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

St. Mary's Health Clinics

Tri-County Humane Society

Twin Cities Public Television

United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota

United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc.

University of Minnesota Foundation

Vision Loss Resources

Wellstone Action Fund

West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust

Wishes & More

YMCA Camp Olson

Youth Express

YWCA Mankato

Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

Charities
REVIEW
Council®
resources for smart givers

© Charities Review Council
2610 University Ave. W., Suite 375
St. Paul, MN 55114-2007
Phone: (651) 224-7030
or 800-733-GIVE (4483)
Email: info@smartgivers.org

The Smart Giver Newsletter

The Smart Giver is published twice a year. It is available free of charge and distributed to households, businesses, and nonprofits. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive this helpful guide – or if a family member, friend or co-worker might like to receive it – please contact the Council.

Editor: Jamie Millard, jmillard@smartgivers.org

2011 Board of Directors

Sarah Bjelland
Wells Fargo

Cynthia Campos
Service Employees International Union

Heidi Neff Christianson, Chair
Moore, Costello & Hart, PLLP

Mike Ducar
Retired, Ameriprise

Morris Goodwin, Jr., Secretary
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

Diane Hansen, Treasurer
Retired, Travelers

Zainab Hassan
The Minneapolis Foundation

Daniel Johnson
Community Volunteer

Steve Joul, Past-Chair
Central Minnesota Community
Foundation

Cindy Kleven
3M Community Affairs

Lavon Lee
Grotto Foundation

Khanh Nguyen, Ph.D.
Community Volunteer

Anita Patel
YWCA of Minneapolis

Daniel A. Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Merrick Community Services

Kim Snyder
Excelsior Bay Group

Michael Wirth Davis
Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota

Ronald J. Zweber
Bremer Bank

Staff

Rich Cowles
Executive Director

Jenna Forner
Nonprofit Services Coordinator

Jamie Millard
Communications Coordinator

Kelly Rowan
Development Manager

Amy B. Sinykin
Associate Director

Martin Wera
Program Director

 **ANNUAL FORUM**
**THE AGE OF THE SUPER DONOR:
DEMANDING
TRANSPARENCY 2011**

Charities Review Council's Annual Forum luncheon will include:

- Keynote Speaker: Robert Egger, President of DC Central Kitchen
- Charities Review Council's Report to the Community
- Recognition Awards

More than ever, nonprofits must tap creativity and innovation to re-energize their mission and advance solutions to the big problems facing our society. According to Robert Egger, the key to this advancement is a growing number of donors who demand transparency before giving.

Join us at this year's Annual Forum luncheon as nonprofit, business, and community leaders come together to discuss **The Age of the Super Donor: Demanding Transparency.**

This year's speaker, Robert Egger, a thought leader in the nonprofit sector and President of DC Central Kitchen and Campus Kitchens Project, is a high profile advocate for informed giving, sustainability, transparency, and innovative social enterprise.

Robert speaks throughout the country and internationally on the subjects of hunger, sustainability, nonprofit political engagement, and social enterprise.

Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Registration and networking begin at 11 a.m.

Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom
5418 Wayzata Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN
Free parking available

Register online:
SmartGivers.org/annualforum2011.html

Or call: 651-224-7030



Robert Egger