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FAST FACTS ABOUT FOUNDATIONS

Last year, foundations contributed over \$42 billion in grants to a wide range of causes, with four out of five dollars coming from private and community foundations.

CREATING JOBS AND BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Creating Jobs and Building Communities, TPC's latest study, demonstrates both how private and community foundations support job creation and related programs, and their role as laboratories of innovation for addressing our country's unemployment issues.

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR ECONOMY

TPC's first study, *The Social and Economic Value of Private and Community Foundations*, found that **each dollar (\$1)** of foundation grantmaking produces **over eight dollars (\$8)** in direct economic benefits to our communities, supporting millions of jobs in the nonprofit sector.

CARING FOR AMERICANS MOST IN NEED

Broad Benefits: Health-Related Giving by Private and Community Foundations, TPC's second study, found that **68 percent** of health-related grant dollars were directed to those most in need: **the poor, minorities and other traditionally underserved populations.**

RESPONDING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

TPC's third study, *Responding in Crisis*, found that even as the current financial crisis drained their assets, foundations' grants were quick, flexible and followed local needs, targeting the states suffering from the worst unemployment and highest mortgage delinquency rates.

TRANSPARENT AND COMPLIANT

Private and community foundations operate with a high level of transparency and within established regulatory parameters. Every year they pay out a minimum of 5% of their assets, and file returns with the federal government that provide the amount and beneficiaries of each individual grant they have made. They also report on the compensation of their staff, the composition of their boards of directors and provide details on their investment portfolios.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY AMERICA'S FOUNDATIONS:

- ✓ The 911 system - *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*
- ✓ Hospice Movement - *Van Ameringen and Ittleson Foundations, Commonwealth Fund*
- ✓ Public Libraries - *Carnegie Foundation*
- ✓ Rocket Science - *Guggenheim Foundation*
- ✓ White Lines on Highways - *Dorr Foundation*
- ✓ Sesame Street - *Carnegie Foundation*
- ✓ Creation of the Hale telescope - *Rockefeller Foundation*

TPC: Highlighting Philanthropy's Vital Role in the Economy