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Charity Begins at Home for American Billionaires

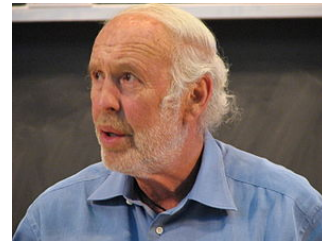
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'Tis the season for giving and family.

Many members of the [Forbes 400](#) manage to combine the two, channeling their philanthropy through family foundations and benefiting from tax breaks at the same time.

One of the largest is the Simons Foundation, started in 1994 by hedge funder [James Simons](#), who calls philanthropy his “third career,” after teaching and investing. The foundation’s president is his wife, Marilyn Hawrys Simons.

At the end of 2010, the foundation had assets of \$1.86 billion. It gave away more than \$130 million, primarily to colleges and research institutes, with a focus on the sciences.



James Simons. Image via Wikipedia

The foundation is also a big supporter of Math for America, a nonprofit that aims to improve math education in secondary schools. James Simons is founder and chairman of the group.

Earlier this month, Simons and his wife, along with their foundation, pledged \$150 million to the State University of [New York](#) at Stony Brook, where he chaired the math department. That brings their total contribution to the university to more than \$300 million.

A [Foundation Center analysis](#) released in April found that family foundations gave away more than \$20 billion in 2009.

Large grantors were more likely to support health, education, international affairs, science, technology and religion. They were less apt to award grants for human services, public affairs, arts and culture, and the social sciences.

Here’s a partial list of billionaires and their foundations:



Sheldon G. Adelson	Adelson Family Foundation
Paul G. Allen	Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
Philip F. Anschutz	Anschutz Foundation
George L. Argyros	Argyros Foundation
John D. Arnold	Laura and John Arnold Foundation
Arthur M. Blank	Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation
Michael R. Bloomberg	Bloomberg Family Foundation
Donald L. Bren	Donald Bren Foundation
Eli Broad	Broad Art Foundation
	Broad Education Foundation
	Broad Foundations
	Eli & Edythe Broad Foundation
Steve Case	Case Foundation
Steven A. Cohen	Steven A. and Alexandra M. Cohen Foundation
Leon G. Cooperman	Leon and Toby Cooperman Family Foundation
Lester Crown	Crown Family Foundation
Michael S. Dell	Michael & Susan Dell Foundation
Richard M. DeVos	Richard & Helen DeVos Foundation
Charles F. Dolan	Lustgarten Foundation
David A. Duffield	Maddie's Fund
Doris F. Fisher	Doris and Donald Fisher Fund
Barbara Carlson Gage	Curtis L. Carlson Family Foundation
William H. Gates III	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Malcolm Glazer	Glazer Family Foundation
B. Thomas Golisano	B. Thomas Golisano Foundation
David S. Gottesman	Gottesman Fund
William Barron Hilton	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Mike Ilitch	Ilitch Charities for Children
George B. Kaiser	George Kaiser Family Foundation
Peter R. Kellogg	Peter R. and Cynthia K. Kellogg Foundation
Kirk Kerkorian	Lincy Foundation
Sidney Kimmel	Sidney Kimmel Foundation
Charles G. Koch	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation
David H. Koch	David H. Koch Charitable Foundation
Leonard A. Lauder	Leonard and Evelyn Lauder Foundation
George Lucas	George Lucas Educational Foundation
Bernard Marcus	Marcus Foundation
Richard E. Marriott	Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities
Michael R. Milken	Milken Family Foundation
W.A. Moncrief Jr.	Wm. A. and Elizabeth B. Moncrief Foundation
Gordon E. Moore	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Henry T. Nicholas III	Henry T. Nicholas III Foundation
T. Boone Pickens Jr.	T. Boone Pickens Foundation
Anthony N. Pritzker	Anthony Pritzker Family Foundation
Thomas J. Pritzker	Pritzker Family Philanthropic Fund
Gigi Pritzker Pucker	Pritzker Pucker Family Foundation
Julian H. Robertson Jr.	Blanche & Julian Robertson Family Foundation
	Robertson Foundation
	Tiger Foundation
Haim Saban	Saban Family Foundation
Henry Samuelli	Samuelli Foundation
Richard Mellon Scaife	Allegheny Foundation
	Carthage Foundation
	Sarah Scaife Foundation
Eric E. Schmidt	Schmidt Family Foundation
Lynn Schusterman	Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation
Harold C. Simmons	Harold Simmons Foundation
James H. Simons	Simons Foundation
Jeffrey S. Skoll	Skoll Foundation
John A. Sobrato	Sobrato Family Foundation

	Sobrato Foundation
George Soros	Open Society Foundations
Steven Spielberg	Wunderkinder Foundation
Ted Turner	Better World Fund
	Turner Foundation
Todd Wagner	Todd Wagner Foundation
Alice L. Walton	Walton Family Foundation
Jim C. Walton	Walton Family Foundation
S. Robson Walton	Walton Family Foundation
Leslie H. Wexner	Wexner Foundation
Oprah Winfrey	Oprah Winfrey Foundation
Charles B. Johnson	Charles and Ann Johnson Foundation
Charles R. Schwab	Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation
Richard L. Chilton Jr.	Chilton Family Foundation
Raymond T. Dalio	Dalio Family Foundation
David A. Tepper	David Tepper Charitable Foundation
Israel A. Englander	Englander Foundation
Glenn R. Dubin	G&E Dubin Family Foundation
Carl C. Icahn	Icahn Charitable Foundation
Bruce Kovner	Kovner Foundation
Henry R. Kravis	Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Foundation
Louis M. Bacon	Moore Charitable Foundation
Pierre M. Omidyar	Omidyar Network
Ronald O. Perelman	Perelman Family Foundation
Rupert H. Johnson Jr.	Rupert H. Johnson Jr. Foundation
George Soros	Soros Charitable Foundation
	Soros Fund Charitable Foundation
	Soros Humanitarian Foundation