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SHOWING ALL RESULTS FOR 2016

1. Phil and Penny Knight
   - **$900,000,000**
   - Location: Portland, Ore.

2. Michael Bloomberg
   - **$600,100,000**
   - Location: New York, N.Y.

3. Howard and Lottie Marcus
   - **$400,000,000**
   - Location: Great Neck, N.Y.

4. Paul Allen
   - **$295,000,000**
   - Location: Seattle, Wash.

5. John and Laura Arnold
   - **$284,000,000**
Larry Ellison
$271,425,000
LOCATION: Redwood Shores, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Technology
TOP CAUSE: Medical Research

Charles Munger
$200,000,000
LOCATION: Santa Barbara, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Investments
TOP CAUSE: Student Housing

Pierre and Pam Omidyar
$173,000,000
LOCATION: Honolulu, Hawaii
WEALTH SOURCE: Technology
TOP CAUSE: Various

Bill and Melinda Gates
$141,400,000
LOCATION: Medina, Wash.
WEALTH SOURCE: Technology
TOP CAUSE: Various

Kenyon Gillespie
$108,000,000
LOCATION: Seatauket, N.Y.
WEALTH SOURCE: Family Wealth; Investments
TOP CAUSE: Medical Care

Sheryl Sandberg
$107,157,600
LOCATION: Menlo Park, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Technology
TOP CAUSE: Various

Phillip and Patricia Frost
$100,000,000
LOCATION: Miami Beach, Fla.
WEALTH SOURCE: Pharmaceuticals
TOP CAUSE: Scientific Research

David Geffen
$100,000,000
WEALTH SOURCE: Media and Entertainment
TOP CAUSE: Arts and Culture

Reed Hastings
$100,000,000
WEALTH SOURCE: Media and entertainment; Technology
TOP CAUSE: Various

Robert and Dorothy King
$100,000,000
LOCATION: Menlo Park, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Scholarships
Robert and Helen Larner  
$95,390,000  
LOCATION: Los Angeles, Calif.  
WEALTH SOURCE: Real estate  
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

Roxanne Quimby  
$94,000,000  
LOCATION: Winter Harbor, Maine  
WEALTH SOURCE: Manufacturing  
TOP CAUSE: Parks

Frank Ferguson  
$93,000,000  
LOCATION: Boston, Mass.  
WEALTH SOURCE: Education  
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

Ronald Perelman  
$89,913,892  
LOCATION: New York, N.Y.  
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance  
TOP CAUSE: Arts and Culture

Sean Parker  
$75,000,000

John and Susan Sobrato  
$68,250,000

Sanford and Joan Weill  
$63,000,000

Mickey, Richard, and Robert Sands

Suzanne Dworak-Peck  
$60,000,000
25
Irwin and Joan Jacobs
$58,251,000
LOCATION: La Jolla, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Telecommunications
TOP CAUSE: Various

26
Sidney and Caroline Kimmel
$55,000,000
LOCATION: Palm Beach, Fla.
WEALTH SOURCE: Retail
TOP CAUSE: Medical Research

27
Walter Scott Jr.
$53,300,000
LOCATION: Omaha, Nebr.
WEALTH SOURCE: Telecommunications
TOP CAUSE: Medical Research

28
Annette Simmons
$51,000,000
LOCATION: Dallas, Tex.
WEALTH SOURCE: Investments
TOP CAUSE: Engineering

29
Steven and Roberta Denning
$50,000,000
LOCATION: Greenwich, Conn.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Scholarships

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Michael Moritz and Harriet Heyman
$50,000,000
LOCATION: San Francisco, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education
Elaine Wynn
$50,000,000
LOCATION: Las Vegas, Nev.
WEALTH SOURCE: Hotels and Casinos
TOP CAUSE: Arts and Culture

David Rubenstein
$49,500,000
LOCATION: Bethesda, Md.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Historic Preservation

Richard and Nancy Kinder
$44,054,709
LOCATION: Houston, Tex.
WEALTH SOURCE: Energy
TOP CAUSE: Various

Jeffrey Gundlach
$42,500,000
LOCATION: Los Angeles, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Arts and Culture

Robert Smith
$42,450,000
LOCATION: Austin, Tex.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Engineering

Julian Robertson Jr.
$41,800,000
LOCATION: New York, N.Y.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Various

Thompson Dean
$40,900,000

Marc and Lynne Benioff
$40,000,000

Ernest Tschannen
$37,000,000

Jefrey and Patricia Cole
$35,775,000

Dorothy Braude Edinburg
$35,000,000


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Joe and Rika Mansueto
$35,000,000
LOCATION: Chicago, Ill.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

Michael Polsky
$35,000,000
LOCATION: Chicago, Ill.
WEALTH SOURCE: Energy
TOP CAUSE: Higher education

Donald Brown
$30,000,000
LOCATION: Indianapolis, Ind.
WEALTH SOURCE: Technology
TOP CAUSE: Medical Research
Austin Marxe
$30,000,000
LOCATION: New York, N.Y.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Scholarships

Howard and Rose-Marie (Rory) Meyers
$30,000,000
LOCATION: Dallas, Tex.
WEALTH SOURCE: Manufacturing
TOP CAUSE: Nursing

David Koch
$28,000,000
LOCATION: New York, N.Y.
WEALTH SOURCE: Oil
TOP CAUSE: Medical Research

David Breazzano
$25,500,000
LOCATION: Waltham, Mass.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

Ronald Fielding
$25,100,000
LOCATION: Rochester, N.Y.
WEALTH SOURCE: Finance
TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

Eric and Susan Smidt
$25,100,000
LOCATION: Beverly Hills, Calif.
WEALTH SOURCE: Retail
TOP CAUSE: Arts and Culture

Warren Spector
$25,100,000
LOCATION: New York, N.Y.

WEALTH SOURCE: Finance

TOP CAUSE: Higher Education

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