

SHCS Operation Donation Charitable Organizations List

This symbol (*) indicates a local charity or a Knoxville office of a national charity. The national and international charities on this list received at least a B+ rating on www.charitywatch.org/toprated.html sponsored by the American Institute of Philanthropy. There are many more top-rated charitable organizations listed on their website – and many more wonderful charitable organizations not on this list – this is just a guide to help you get started!

Name of Organization	Description	Website
Catholic Charities* -CHAPS -Crazy Quilt Friendship Center and Crafts* -Columbus Home -Elizabeth Homes -Family Assessment Center -Hispanic Ministries -Parent Place -Pathways -Project Rachel -Samaritan Place -Seton's Thrift Store	Provides shelter, nourishment, counseling and education to the poor and homeless of East Tennessee	www.ccetn.org www.dioceseofknoxville.org
A Hand Up for Women*	Helping women repair their lives and get jobs – be self sufficient	www.ahandupforwomen.org
American Red Cross*	Worldwide disaster relief and blood donation	www.knoxaric.org
Big Brothers/Big Sisters*	Volunteers mentor children ages 6 - 18 helping them reach their potential	www.bigbrothersbigistersetn.org
Boy Scouts of America*	Educates boys to become good citizens with strong character and personal fitness	www.bsa-gsmc.org
Boys & Girls Club of East Tennessee*	Provides a safe place after school for kids to learn and grow and have fun	www.bgctnv.org
Breast Cancer Research Fund	Funds research to prevent and cure	www.bcrfcure.org

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CARE	Fights global poverty by empowering women and provides disaster relief worldwide	www.care.org
CASA A Child's Voice*	Advocate for abused, neglected or abandoned children in court	www.casaofeasttn.org
Catholic Relief Services	Worldwide disaster/war relief and works to end poverty and hunger	www.crs.org
Child and Family Tennessee*	Family social services and mental health needs – runaway shelter	www.child-family.org
Child Find of America	Dedicated to the prevention and resolution of child abduction	www.childfindofamerica.org
Childhelp*	Dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglect	www.childhelp.org
Children Incorporated	Helping children living in poverty worldwide – sponsor a child	www.children-inc.org
Christian Children's Fund	Helping children living in poverty worldwide – sponsor a child	www.christianchildrensfund.org
Compassion International	Helping children living in poverty worldwide – sponsor a child	www.compassion.com
Doctors Without Borders	Provides medical care worldwide in war zones, disasters and poor nations	www.doctorswithoutborders.org
East Tennessee Children's Hospital*	Non-profit hospital serving the children of East Tennessee	www.etch.com
East Tennessee Technology Access Center*	Helping disabled people function in mainstream life w/technology	www.discoveret.org/ettac
Family Promise of Knoxville*	Providing shelter, meals and support to families without homes	www.familypromiseknoxville.org
FISH Pantry*	Collects and distributes food to the hungry in Knoxville	www.fishpantry.org
Florence Crittendon Agency*	Helping young women in crisis – pregnancy, abused, broken family, emotional problems	www.fcaknox.org
Friends of Literacy*	Helping adults learn to read and	www.friendsofliteracy.org

	advocating for the illiterate	
Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains*	Raising fund to preserve and protect the park and provide volunteers for needed projects	www.friendsofthesmokies.org
Girl Scouts–Tanasi Council*	Dedicated to empowering girls and preparing them for success in life	www.tanasi.org
Give the Gift of Sight	Providing free vision care and eyeglasses to poor worldwide	www.givethegiftofsight.org
Global Hunger Project	Project to end world hunger by empowering the poor with solutions, especially women	www.thp.org
Goodwill Industries*	Thrift Store - training and employing disabled and disadvantages people	www.gwiktn.org
Habitat for Humanity*	Builds houses for homeless and low-income families	www.knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com
Haiti – St. Michels Parish/School	Providing food, clean water, medical supplies and education to the people of Boucan Carre, Haiti	www.shcathedral.org/haiti.htm
Helen Keller International Childsight	Sustainable solutions to prevent blindness and malnutrition and to fight poverty	www.hki.org
Homes for our Troops	Builds specially adapted homes for severely injured veterans	www.homesforourtroops.org
Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund	Provides financial assistance and rehab services to families of lost or injured soldiers	www.fallenheroesfund.org
Joy of Music*	Provide music education to disadvantaged, low income youth	www.joyofmusicschool.org
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Intl.	Advocates for and funds more research to find a cure	www.jdrf.org
Keep America Beautiful	Works to find ways to prevent litter, reduce waste and beautify communities	www.kab.org
Kidney Foundation of East Tennessee*	Funds research, helps with dialysis and promotes organ donation	www.kidneyetn.org

Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries*	Provides food, shelter, help with addiction for Knoxville homeless	www.karm.org
Ladies of Charity*	Food pantry and thrift store for the poor in Knoxville	www.famvin.org/LCUSA/
Love Kitchen*	Provides meals and clothing to homebound, homeless and unemployed people	www.thelovekitchen.org
Make-A-Wish Foundation*	Grants the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions	www.wishetn.org
Medic Regional Blood Center*	Not-for-profit blood donation center	www.medicblood.com
Mission of Hope*	Helping families in poverty stricken rural areas of Appalachia	www.missionofhope.org
Mobile Meals / Meals on Wheels*	Serves noon meals to elderly who cannot cook for themselves and have no one to cook for them	www.knoxcac.org/mobilemeals/program.html
Nature Conservancy	Works to protect ecologically important land and water	www.nature.org
News Sentinel Empty Stocking Fund*	Provides food and toys to disadvantaged East Tennesseans at Christmas	www.knoxnews.com/about/charities/
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage	Cares for orphaned and abandoned children worldwide	www.nph.org
Reading is Fundamental	Provides free books to low-income children and programs to motivate them to learn to read	www.rif.org
Remote Area Medical*	Provides free health care to people in remote areas of the U.S. and the world	www.ramusa.org
Ronald McDonald House*	Provides a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children	www.knoxrmhc.org
ROPE (Relief for Opressed People Everywhere) Africa	Sponsor a child in Africa – helping children go to school and live healthy	www.rope.org.uk/
Salvation Army*	To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to help the poor and needy	www.salvationarmy.org

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Save the Children	Works worldwide to help children live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives	www.savethechildren.org
Saving Little Hearts	Helping children with congenital heart defects and their families	www.savinglittlehearts.com
Second Harvest Food Pantry*	Collects & distributes food to non-profit agencies feeding area hungry	www.secondharvestknox.org
Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services*	Provides trained caregivers in the home, assisted living, nursing homes, hospital, etc to the elderly of Knoxville	www.schas.org
Sierra Club Foundation	Educate and enlist people to protect and restore the environment /natural resources	www.sierraclub.org
Soles4Souls	Collects and donates shoes to the needy worldwide	www.soles4souls.org
St. Jude Children's Hospital	Pediatric treatment and research center for children with catastrophic diseases	www.stjude.org
Sunshine Industries*	Job training for special education citizens	546-9431
Tennessee Right to Life*	Protect life of unborn babies – eliminate abortion	www.nrlc.org
Thompson Cancer Survival Center*	Provides free or low-cost services to medically needy or underserved and Fellowship Center apartments for families of patients	www.thompsoncancer.com
Volunteer Ministry Center*	Restore dignity, productivity and self-sufficiency to the lives of the homeless and mentally ill	www.vmcknox.org
World Resources Institute	Works to find ways to protect the environment and natural resources	www.wri.org
Young Williams Animal Center*	Sheltering strays/unwanted pets and promoting adoption of these animals	www.knoxpets.org

