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A Brief Landscape of Philanthropy and Social Innovation Trends

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STANFORD SOCIAL INNOVATION REVIEW

About Stanford PACS

- Expand research in the field of philanthropy and social innovation
- Increase the talent pipeline of scholars, practitioners and leaders
- Improve practice and effectiveness of philanthropy and social innovation



About NORRAG: Philanthropy in Education

- Research and knowledge production
- Policy dialogue and knowledge dissemination
- Capacity development

LEADING TO a global membership-based network of international policies and cooperation in education



Global Themes: Let's Explore!

- Movement to build the field, create rigor and knowledge in the social sector
- Develop, recruit and retain top talent
- Desire to collect better data and information
- Interest to measure outcomes and impact
- Interdisciplinary partnerships and cross sector opportunities



Promise of Philanthropy

- Realization that political and economic stability depends on satisfying social needs
- Opportunities for public-private partnerships
- Philanthropy as society's "risk" capital
- Philanthropy has a role to play left by under-funded and over-extended government agencies



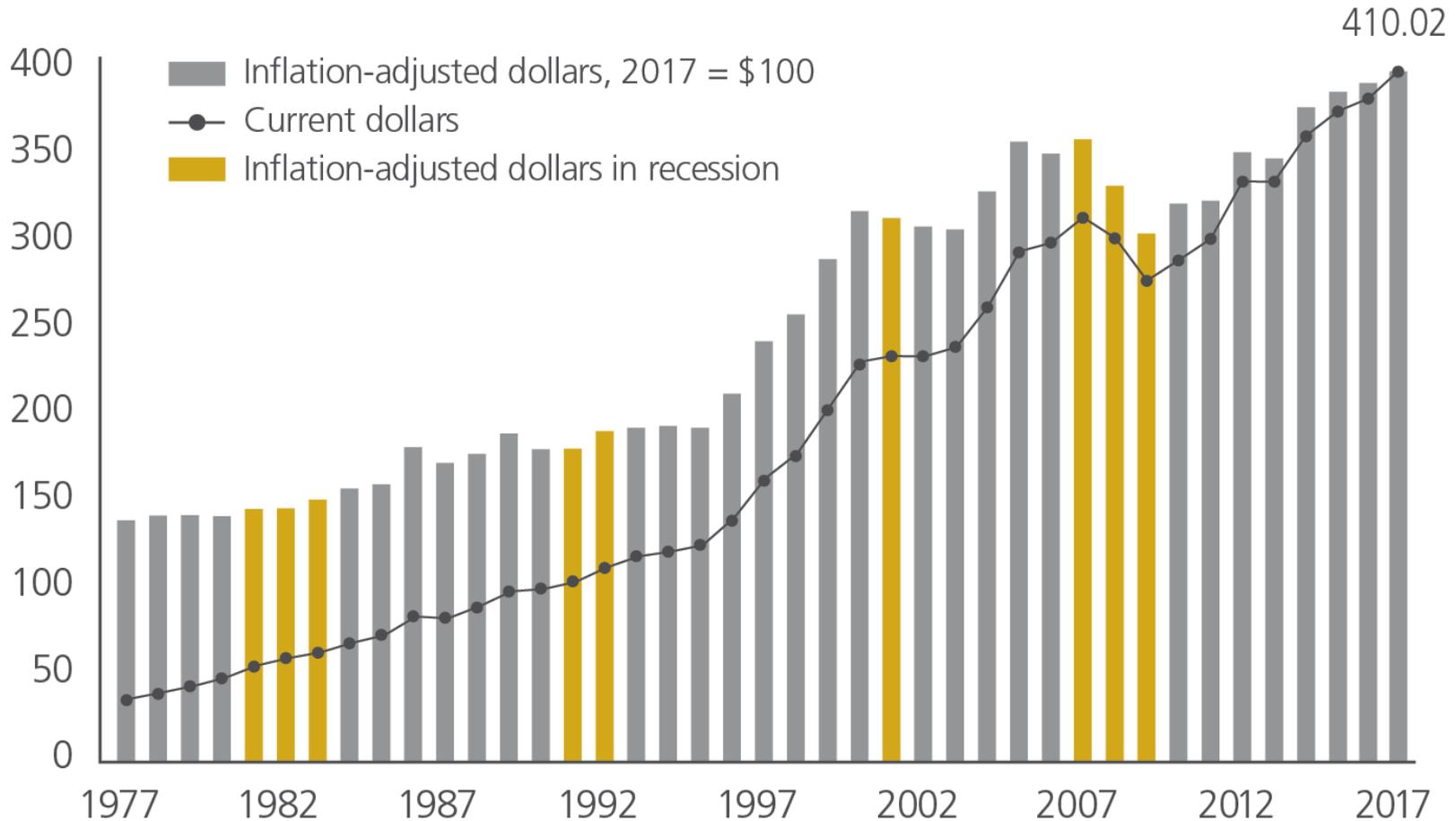
Leveraging Philanthropy: Social Innovation

- New strategies, concepts, and ideas to strengthen civil society and society as a whole
- Opportunities to explore social enterprise, social entrepreneurs, and corporate social responsibility
- Novel solutions that are more effective, efficient, sustainable or just than existing solutions
- Social innovation can take place within government, business or the nonprofit sector



2017 Data: \$410 Billion

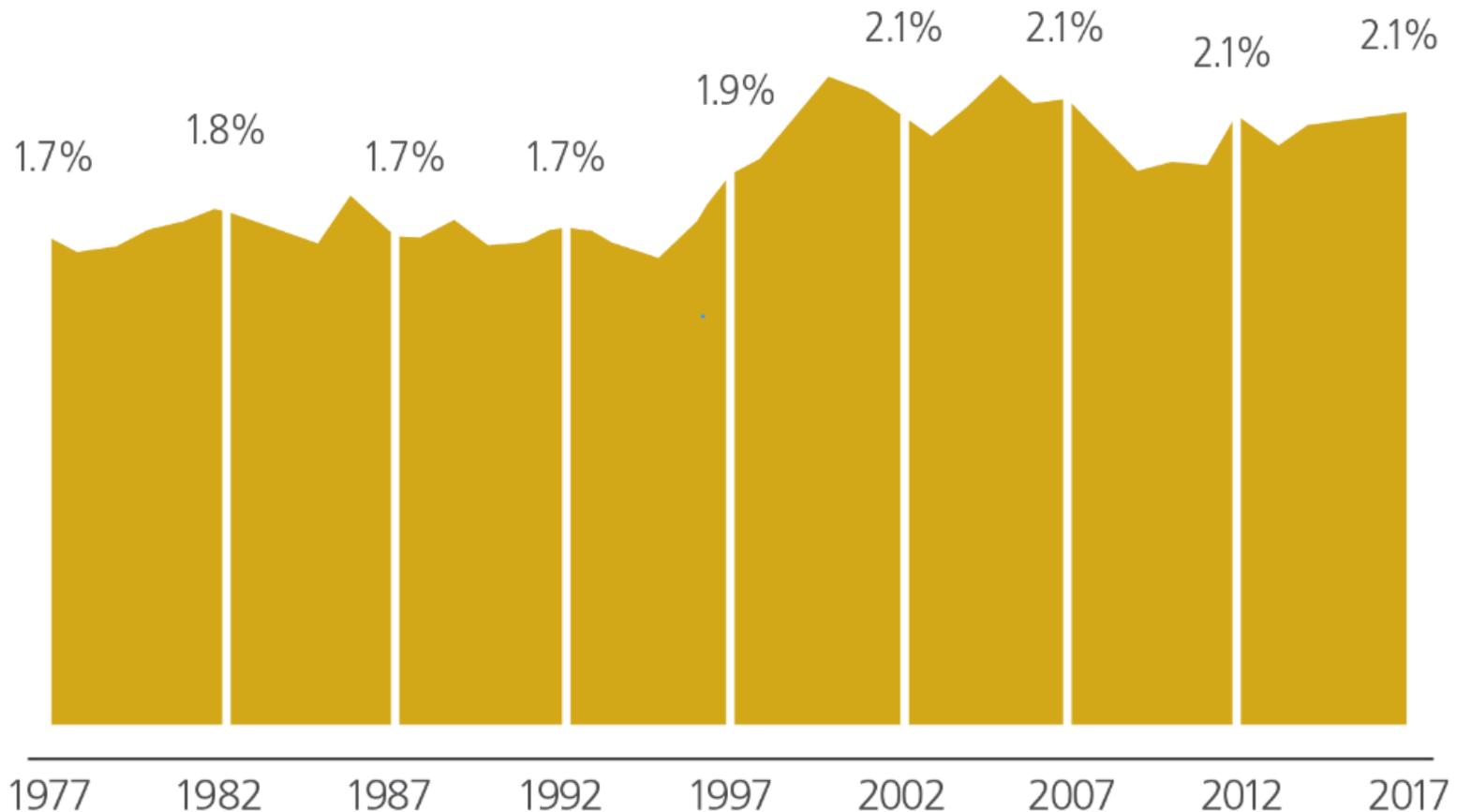
US Total Giving, 1977–2017
(in billions of dollars)



2.1% Ignites the Nonprofit Sector

Total Giving as a % of GDP

1977- 2017
(Giving USA)

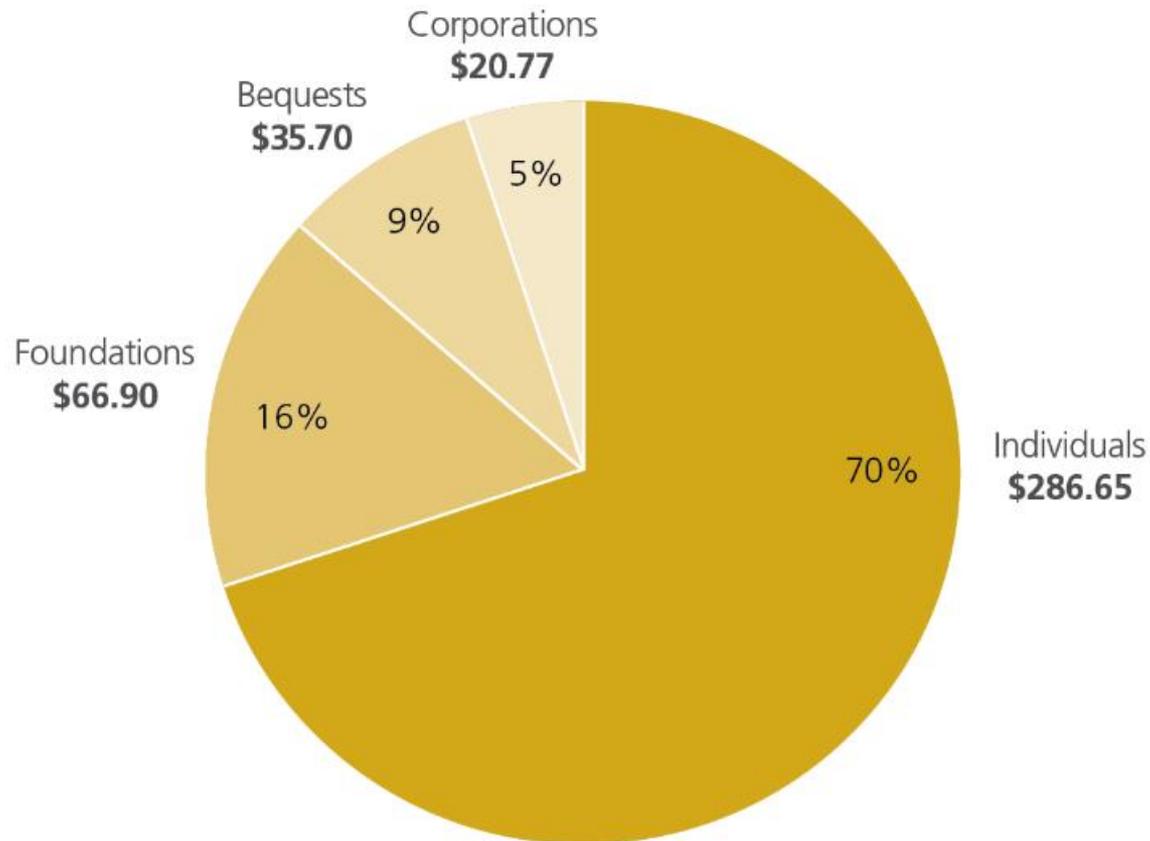


Source: Giving USA Foundation | *Giving USA 2017*



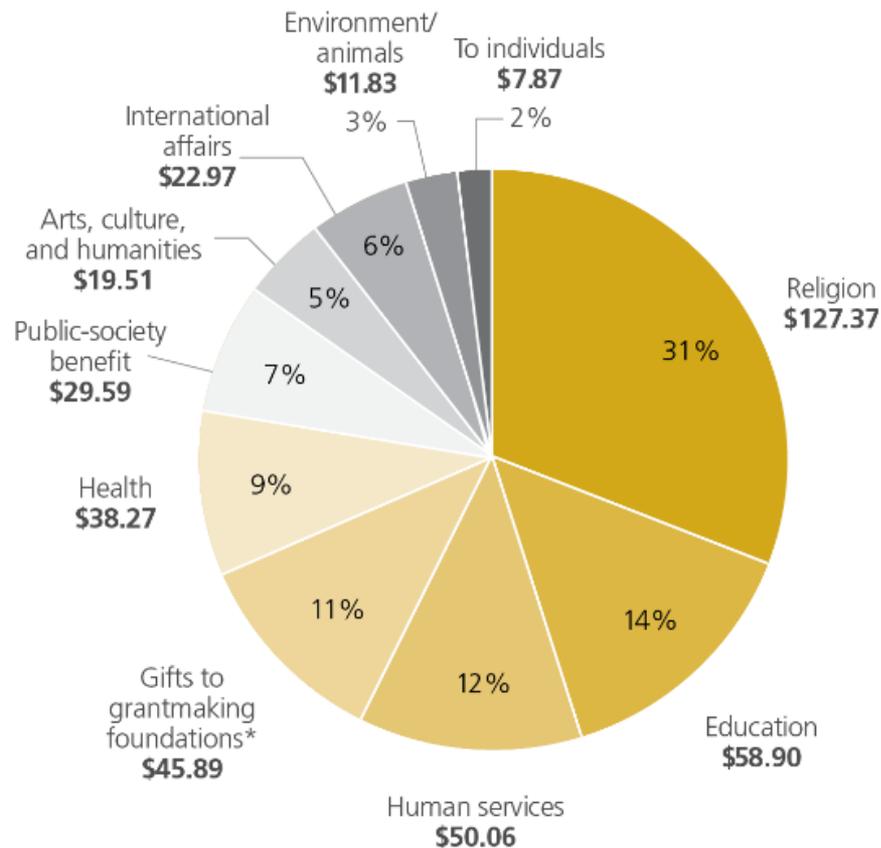
Who Gives? US 2017 Contributions

\$410.02 billion, **by source**
(in billions of dollars – all figures are rounded)



Where Does the Money Go? US 2017 Contributions

\$410.02 billion, by type of recipient organization
(in billions of dollars – all figures are rounded)



* Estimate developed jointly by the Foundation Center and Giving USA



Philanthropy Today: Trends & Topics

- Tech for good
- Ethical/responsible data use
- Globalization
- Place-based philanthropy
- Strategic philanthropy
- General operating support
- Multi-year funding
- Generational behavior
- #Giving Tuesday
- Venture philanthropy
- Impact investing
- Public-private partnerships
- Shared value
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Design thinking
- Collective impact
- Funder collaboratives
- Big bets
- DAF's: Donor Advised Funds
- Direct cash transfers
- Effective altruism



Achieving Impact: New Approaches

- Moving beyond gifts and grants
- Giving while living vs legacy and perpetuity
- Philanthropic risk capital testing “big bets”
- Impact investments to social enterprises
- Political advocacy and giving
- Socially responsible investing

Responding by Creating New Structures and Strategies for Social Impact

- Values-driven private foundations & family offices
- Donor advised funds (DAF's)
- B- Corps
- Limited liability company (LLC)
 - Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) 2015
 - Omidyar Network (ON) 2004
 - Emerson Collective (2004)

Call to Action: Bridging the Gap

- Global data collection gap
- Knowledge and information gap
- Social network and experience gap
- Mindset and language gap
- Empathy gap

The Giving Code: Silicon Valley Nonprofits and
Philanthropy, October 2016

[ssiir.org/articles/entry/bridging_the_divide_between
nonprofits_and_philanthropy_in_silicon_valley](https://www.ssiir.org/articles/entry/bridging_the_divide_between_nonprofits_and_philanthropy_in_silicon_valley)

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Thank you!

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Resources – Stanford PACS

- The Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society:
<http://pacscenter.stanford.edu/>
- The Effective Philanthropy Learning Initiative (EPLI):
<https://pacscenter.stanford.edu/research/effective-philanthropy-learning-initiative/>
- The Digital Civil Society Lab (digitalimpact.io):
<http://pacscenter.stanford.edu/digital-civil-society/>
- Civic Life of Cities: <https://pacscenter.stanford.edu/research/civic-life-of-cities-lab/>
- Integrating Capacity and Strategy: A Handbook for Next Generation Grantmakers and Grantees:
<http://pacscenter.stanford.edu/2015/09/integrating-capacity-and-strategy-a-handbook-for-next-generation-grantmakers-and-grantees/>
- 2015 Survey on Board of Directors of Nonprofit Organizations:
<https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/faculty-research/publications/2015-survey-board-directors-nonprofit-organizations>



Stanford Social Innovation Review

- *Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR):* <http://ssir.org/>
- The Giving Code webinar series:
https://ssir.org/webinars/series/the_giving_code_series?utm_source=Enews&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=SSIR_Live
- Philanthropy's New Release: https://ssir.org/articles/entry/philanthropys_new_release
- A Decade of Outcome-Oriented Philanthropy:
http://ssir.org/articles/entry/a_decade_of_outcome_oriented_philanthropy
- The Nonprofit Starvation Cycle:
http://ssir.org/articles/entry/the_nonprofit_starvation_cycle
- The Power of Theories of Change:
http://ssir.org/articles/entry/the_power_of_theories_of_change
- Fundraising is Fundamental:
http://ssir.org/articles/entry/fundraising_is_fundamental_if_not_always_fun
- Collective Impact: https://ssir.org/articles/entry/collective_impact
- When Can Impact Investing Have Real Impact:
https://ssir.org/up_for_debate/article/impact_investing
- The Unfinished Social Entrepreneur:
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