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A snapshot of charitable support from donors in the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet metro area

In 2016, Fidelity Charitable® donors in the Chicago metro area increased their grant recommendations by 14 percent over 2015, on pace with Fidelity Charitable's growth nationally. Donors in Chicago have shown they are committed to the causes they support; 9 of the top 10 local grant recipients in 2016 also appeared on the 2015 list, with the top 4 entries unchanged. Donors in the area recommended grants totaling \$76 million to local charities, and the city ranked fourth nationally in charitable giving to the human services sector, which includes many of the food banks and homeless shelters listed among the top local charities.



Number of Giving Accounts

2,735



Number of grants

31,767



Total grant dollars from the region

\$221.6M



Average grant amount

\$6,976



Average number of grants per Giving Account®

11.6

What are the most popular charitable sectors in the Chicago area?

1 Human Services

2 Religion

3 Education

**\$76M** grant dollars went to local charities

Most popular local nonprofits supported by Fidelity Charitable® donors in the region

Nonprofit (year-over-year movement in ranking)

- 1 Greater Chicago Food Depository
- 2 Window to the World Communications
- 3 The Salvation Army
- 4 Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
- 5 University of Chicago (+2)
- 6 Chicago Public Media (-1)
- 7 Northwestern University (-1)
- 8 Northern Illinois Food Bank (+1)
- 9 Art Institute of Chicago (-1)
- 10 Misericordia Home (new)



The data for this report was obtained from Fidelity Charitable's internal reporting database and looks at Fidelity Charitable activity in calendar year 2016. For additional detail on reporting methodology, visit [FidelityCharitable.org/geography-of-giving](http://FidelityCharitable.org/geography-of-giving).

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