Charitable Donations: How to Determine Legitimacy

Five Steps to Informed Giving How to Tell if a Charity is Legitimate: Tools & Tips for Donors Before Giving to a Charity Best Charities for Your Donations

1. List and briefly describe the 5 steps to informed giving.

2. Name 5 online organizations/tools that can help you determine the legitimacy of a charity and briefly describe what they investigate.

3. What does a charity scam look like? Identify at least 5 signs of charity scam.

4. What federal organization can you file a complaint with if you suspect a charity scam?



5. Determine if the following charities are among the HIGH Rated or LOW Rated to donate to. If it's HIGH Rated, write H on the line. If it's LOW Rated, write L on the line. Use this link.

SPCA International	African Wildlife
Heritage for the Blind	Breast Cancer Research
Childhood Leukemia	Prevent Child Abuse
Marines Toys for Tots	Find the Children
Defeat Diabetes Foundation	Michael J. Fox Foundation
Disabled Veterans Nat'l Foundation	Wounded Warriors Family Support
Homes for Our Troops	Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation

6. Compare your Pre-Investigation ratings to the actual. What did you discover? Were you able to accurately determine the rating of the organization just by its name? Explain.

7. Complete the following EXIT PROMPTS...

- 3 Things You Learned about Charitable Giving...
- 2 Important Things You Believe Others Should Know About Charitable Giving...
- 1 Organization's Rating that Surprised You and a Brief Explanation of Why...





