Kentuckians are very generous, contributing billions to charity each year.

Charitable giving by Kentucky households

$2.2 billion

It’s also part of a Southeastern region that is the engine of America’s population and economic growth. The Southeast accounts for:

1/3 of America’s population growth in the last decade

Over 21% of U.S. GDP – more than any other region

Despite this, Kentucky’s people and communities face troubling disparities in health, income, education and life expectancy.

49th Child Obesity

40th College-Bound

46th Poverty Rate

45th Life Expectancy

...And national philanthropic support trails far behind that received by other parts of the country.

Massachusetts $685 per person

New York City $675 per person

California $258 per person

Kentucky $50 per person

Lawmakers can help correct this imbalance by supporting policies that encourage more charitable giving – policies that allow generous people in Kentucky to provide more support for organizations doing great work in communities throughout the state.
The Southeastern Council of Foundations, one of the nation’s oldest and largest regional philanthropy-supporting organizations, can help policymakers connect to grantmakers in their states and districts.

Contact us at 404-524-0911 or visit SECF.org to learn more.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR PHILANTHROPY – SPONSOR THESE BILLS:

**HR 1260, HR 651:**
Both would establish a universal, above-the-line charitable deduction for all taxpayers with the same limitations as itemized deductions.

**HR 5293:**
Would establish a universal, above-the-line charitable deduction for all taxpayers up to one-third of the new standard deduction ($4,000 for individuals; $8,000 for married couples).

**CHARITY Act of 2019 (HR 3259, S 1475):**
Would allow IRA rollover to donor-advised funds.

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