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Sabre Foundation, Inc. Chosen for 2007 Catalogue for Philanthropy

Cambridge, MA - Sabre Foundation, Inc. has been selected for listing in the 2007 edition of the prestigious Massachusetts Catalogue for Philanthropy. This year 390 charities applied for new listings, and 54 were selected, as “examples of excellence” in all fields of Massachusetts philanthropy—the environment, culture (arts and education), human services and international. According to George McCully, President of the Catalogue, “Sabre Foundation, Inc. was chosen because they are a great example of ‘private initiatives for public good, focusing on quality of life’ in Massachusetts, and because they are both excellent and cost-effective. We urge donors, especially in the Cambridge area, to consider adding Sabre Foundation, Inc. to their giving list this year.”

The purpose of the Catalogue, now in its 11th year of annual publication, is “to strengthen the culture of philanthropy in Massachusetts…through donor education….” “The Catalogue is designed as a showcase for Massachusetts philanthropy,” McCully said, “and a one-stop shop for a family’s charitable giving. A single check, electronic transaction over the web, or stock transfer, can be allocated to as many charities as the donor pleases, and because the Catalogue is paid-for by its philanthropic sponsors, 100% of every donation goes to the designated charities or fields of philanthropy.” This year it is mailed to 120,000 homes statewide, and is available to everyone on the web, at www.cfp-ma.org.

Founded in 1969, Sabre Foundation works to support the educational life of communities in crisis, with emphasis on providing new books and other educational resources to institutions and individuals abroad since 1986. To date, Sabre has shipped over 7 million new books and CD-ROMs, with a market value of almost $250 million, to Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the former Soviet Union, the Balkans, and Latin America through its Book Donation Program. What distinguishes this program, beyond magnitude, is demand-driven selectivity. Sabre’s partners abroad don’t just accept publishers’ giveaways: partners choose the titles and quantities they need, and distribute them to libraries, schools, and individuals. Currently Sabre Foundation is expanding its program in Iraq, through which the Foundation has already shipped more than 35,000 new books and electronic resources to libraries and universities, thereby helping to promote democratization and economic progress along with literacy.

Once again this year, the day after Thanksgiving has been declared “Giving Massachusetts Day.” In his proclamation, Governor Deval Patrick urges all citizens and families to respond generously to the annual year-end appeals they have received from charities. Since 1997, charitable giving in Massachusetts has more than doubled, from about $2 billion to $4.4 billion—a record high—in 2005, the latest numbers available.

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