

# Editorial: Americans still committed to giving

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If a citizenry's willingness to voluntarily give of its resources to charity is an indication of national character, the United States is doing well, indeed. Study after study shows Americans give generously. That was curtailed only slightly by the Great Recession, but it has surged once more as unemployment rates drop.

The latest such report, published by Blackbaud, looks at how nonprofit fundraising efforts did in 2015. The news is good.

Overall, charitable giving increased by 1.6 percent over the previous year. Faith-based giving was a big part of this, as other studies, most notably the recently released Almanac of American Philanthropy, have shown.

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