

**Campaign 2004****STATE'S TOP DONORS****Washington's top 50 political contributors in 2003-04**

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Rank	Contributor	City	Total given	Given to independent 527 groups	Given to candidates, parties and state ballot measures	Mostly supports	Background
<b>1</b>	Rob Glaser	Seattle	\$1,071,850	\$995,000	\$76,850	Dem	Founder and CEO of RealNetworks. One of the top donors in the country. Most of his political money this year has gone to independent political groups, primarily America Coming Together, that are campaigning to defeat President Bush. Glaser gives only to Democrats and groups that back the party, though he contributed this year to the National Cable & Telecommunications Association's political-action committee.
<b>2</b>	Paul Brainerd	Seattle	\$854,110	\$705,010	\$149,100	Dem	Brainerd made \$525 million when he sold his software company Aldus in 1995 and retired to focus on environmental philanthropy and political activism. He is a founder of Social Venture Partners, which encourages others who did well in the high-tech boom to increase their charitable giving. He also created Conservation Strategies, a non-profit environmental political organization. He has given more than \$700,000 to 527 organizations. "They have effectively put into the field in the battleground states a great organization of people on the ground doing the work that needs to be done," Brainerd said. "That's the hard work that will probably make the difference in the election."
<b>3</b>	Peter Goldman and Martha Jane Kongsgaard	Seattle	\$435,275	\$245,000	\$190,275	Dem	The Seattle couple use family wealth for his nonprofit, environmental law firm and her charitable foundation. Kongsgaard said political giving has unfairly been given a bad name. "You worry about being clothed and fed, you worry about being lied to. That's all politics," she said. "We need to take the word back. To be a politician has got to be a good thing."
<b>4</b>	Nicholas Hanauer	Seattle	\$318,025	\$0	\$318,025	Dem	An original investor in Amazon.com. He also founded Avenue A, an online advertising firm, and is a member of Second Avenue Partners, which invests in small technology startups. Hanauer is unusual among the top donors because most of his donations went to an initiative, I-884. It's sponsored by Washington Education Voters, a political action committee Hanauer helped found and of which he is co-president. "While the initiative process is not perfect, I believe that it can play a useful role in the civic landscape," he said.
<b>5</b>	Matthew and Rebecca Bergman	Vashon Island	\$298,240	\$100,500	\$197,740	Dem	In recent years, Matthew Bergman's law practice has focused on representing victims of asbestos poisoning who sue manufacturers. He has been active in lobbying Congress on laws covering those sorts of lawsuits. He was an early John Kerry supporter who late last year said he wouldn't give any more money to the state Democratic Party because he was unhappy that the party leadership was backing Howard Dean for president.
<b>6</b>	Jim and Jan Sinegal	Issaquah	\$176,500	\$95,000	\$81,500	Dem	Jim Sinegal is co-founder and CEO of Costco and a consistent Democratic donor. According to a recent story by Bloomberg news service, Sinegal is the only chief executive of a company on Standard & Poor's 500 Index to give money to a liberal 527 group created to oppose Bush's re-election.
<b>7</b>	Bill Gates	Medina	\$173,500	\$0	\$173,500	Both	Microsoft co-founder makes the Top 50 on the strength of a single \$150,000 check in favor of I-884, the education-tax initiative.
<b>8</b>	Jeffrey and Susan Brotman	Issaquah	\$156,950	\$95,000	\$61,950	Dem	Costco co-founder and chairman, and vice president of the University of Washington board of regents. Brotman and his Costco partner Sinegal gave identical \$95,000 amounts to the Joint Victory Campaign, the fund-raising arm of America Coming Together and The Media Fund, two prominent 527 groups working in partnership. Brotman gives mostly to Democrats but this year gave \$2,000 to Republican state Sen. Luke Esser's campaign for Congress.
<b>9</b>	Jack and Charlotte Spitzer	Mercer Island	\$142,103	\$5,000	\$137,103	Dem	The Spitzers own Covenant Mortgage and are major philanthropists in the U.S. and Israel. In a year when many top donors are giving to 527s, the Spitzers have given the bulk of their money to more traditional party groups and candidates. "I know many people say 'I vote for the better man,' but party structure is very important," Jack Spitzer said.
<b>10</b>	Maryanne and David Tagney-Jones	Preston	\$139,225	\$22,500	\$116,725	Dem	He was an early Microsoft employee. She is the better-known donor and a prominent environmental activist and philanthropist. "I will look at any race that is really in play, that has a good campaign in place, and where I know that person is working hard," she said.
<b>11</b>	James Roush and Cynthia Wayburn	Medina	\$135,400	\$90,000	\$45,400	Dem	Roush and his wife, Cynthia Wayburn, have been major Democratic benefactors. Each gave \$45,000 to the Democrat-backed Joint Victory Campaign 2004 as well as money to Democratic candidates and committees.
<b>12</b>	Bruce and Gretchen Jacobsen	Seattle	\$125,850	\$50,000	\$75,850	Dem	Bruce Jacobsen is a former Microsoft executive, former president of RealNetworks and current CEO of Force & Motion, a startup that is "so secret even my mother doesn't know," according to the company's Web site.
<b>13</b>	Jon and Mary Shirley	Medina	\$118,175	\$0	\$118,175	Dem	Jon Shirley, former Microsoft president and currently on the company's board, said he worries the Bush administration is assaulting basic civil liberties by supporting laws such as the Patriot Act. "I think it's quite possible to fight the war on terror without tearing down rights that have been fundamental to this country," Shirley said. "It makes even what McCarthy did pale."
<b>14</b>	George Rowley	Issaquah	\$115,981	\$0	\$115,981	Rep	Developer whom Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn once called "the father of Issaquah." He gives primarily to Republicans and likes to help newcomers to politics who have a difficult time raising money.
<b>15</b>	Richard Leeds and Anne Kroeker	Bellevue	\$99,650	\$0	\$99,650	Dem	President of Computer Product Introductions, an Internet and computer consulting firm. Leeds has given to many Democratic candidates.
<b>16</b>	Bruce and Jolene McCaw	Bellevue	\$84,025	\$0	\$84,025	Rep	Made his fortune in the family's wireless phone business and has been a steady contributor to Republicans and philanthropic endeavors, including Seattle Center's McCaw Hall, named for his mother.
<b>17</b>	Wes and Nancy Lematta	Vancouver	\$83,400	\$25,000	\$58,400	Rep	Wes Lematta is founder of Columbia Helicopters. They have given to Northwest Republican congressional campaigns and to a PAC supporting Tim Eyman's latest property-tax-cutting initiative.
<b>18</b>	Matthew and Gretchen Loschen	Redmond	\$76,078	\$0	\$76,078	Dem	Microsoft manager who has given to many Democratic candidates. Loschen said his donations reflect his belief that Democrats are correct on issues such as the economy, environment and civil rights.
<b>19</b>	Greg Amadon and Linden Rhoads Amadon	Seattle	\$72,000	\$0	\$72,000	Dem	Greg Amadon is founder of Terabeam, which designs and manufactures wireless fiber systems. They give mostly to Democratic causes.
<b>20</b>	William Conner	Bellevue	\$70,978	\$0	\$70,978	Rep	Retired founder of Eastside development company Conner Homes. Conner has given to Republican candidates and to initiatives that would cut taxes and require the state to spend more money on roads.
<b>21</b>	Mark Pigott	Bellevue	\$70,500	\$0	\$70,500	Rep	Chairman and CEO of Bellevue-based truck manufacturer Paccar and a steady supporter of Republican causes.
<b>22</b>	Georges and Eleanor St. Laurent	Vancouver	\$69,370	\$25,000	\$44,370	Both	Georges St. Laurent II is a former bank president and investor with interests in real estate and agriculture.
<b>23</b>	Ben Slivka and Lisa Wissner-Slivka	Bellevue	\$67,900	\$0	\$67,900	Both	Both former Microsoft executives. The couple in 1998 created the Wissner-Slivka Foundation and joined Social Venture Partners, a philanthropy founded by tech workers who wanted to be personally involved in causes they support financially.
<b>24</b>	Everett and Andrea Paup	Bainbridge Island	\$65,985	\$0	\$65,985	Both	Everett Paup is chairman of Manson Construction in Seattle.
<b>25</b>	David and Patricia Nierenberg	Camas	\$65,850	\$0	\$65,850	Dem	Nierenberg owns Nierenberg Investment Management in Camas and is vice chairman of the board of the Southwest Washington Medical Center. "Pat (Nierenberg) and I have three young children. We care a great deal about the world in which they will grow up," he said. "When we find people we like, we support them."
<b>26</b>	James and Ann Wiborg	Tacoma	\$65,500	\$0	\$65,500	Rep	Retired business executive; was CEO and later chairman of the board of Univar Corp.
<b>27</b>	Paul Abrams	Bothell	\$64,000	\$5,000	\$59,000	Dem	Paul Abrams is president and CEO of Bothell-based pharmaceutical development company CEPTYR. "I think this is the most important election, certainly in my lifetime," he said. "It basically will determine whether we are going to be a country that is respected around the world and that respects its own people and whether the country will continue its abiding faith in its democracy."
<b>28</b>	Mark and Susan Torrance	Seattle	\$58,000	\$0	\$58,000	Dem	Mark Torrance founded and was CEO of Seattle-based stock photo company PhotoDisc, bought by Getty Images in 1997.
<b>29</b>	John Stanton	Bellevue	\$57,750	\$0	\$57,750	Rep	Western Wireless CEO and longtime cellphone pioneer. A Seattle native who attended Whitman College and went on to help start McCaw Cellular with Craig McCaw, then started cellphone giant T-Mobile.
<b>30</b>	Joseph Schocken	Seattle	\$57,650	\$0	\$57,650	Dem	President of Broadmark Capital, an investment bank. Schocken has become a major Democratic donor. In addition to his personal donations, Schocken was recently identified as one of 17 "trustees" to raise at least \$250,000 in contributions for the Democratic National Committee. Schocken said he faults the Bush administration for its Iraq war planning and for tax cuts aimed at the wealthy instead of small business.
<b>31</b>	Dennis Bassford	Mercer Island	\$56,625	\$0	\$56,625	Both	President and co-founder of Money Tree, the Seattle-area payday-loan company with 90 branches. He has split his political donations between Democrats and Republicans.
<b>32</b>	William Gates Sr.	Seattle	\$55,600	\$0	\$55,600	Dem	Father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, he helps run the Gates Foundation. This year, he gave \$50,000 to Initiative 884, which would raise the sales tax to benefit education.
<b>33</b>	Bonnie and Richard Robbins	Seattle	\$55,275	\$2,525	\$52,750	Dem	Environmentalist and animal activist. She started an eagle-sighting hotline in Seattle in the early 1980s and has been a regular contributor to environmental and Democratic causes.
<b>34</b>	Nancy Alvord	Seattle	\$53,600	\$50,000	\$3,600	Dem	Longtime philanthropist whose family was once described as the "Medici of Seattle." Founding director of the University of Washington Foundation board.
<b>35</b>	Gregory and Dionne Shaw	Hunts Point	\$53,230	\$0	\$53,230	Dem	Another former Microsoft employee who has started his own company, Dynifitic, to develop music software.
<b>36</b>	Michael Slade	Seattle	\$49,975	\$0	\$49,975	Dem	Michael Slade is a veteran technology executive who was chairman and CEO of the Paul Allen-backed Internet venture Starwave. He was a co-founding partner of the Seattle-based investment firm Second Avenue Partners.
<b>37</b>	Ken Alhadeff	Seattle	\$46,900	\$10,000	\$36,900	Dem	Chairman of Elttaes Enterprises, a Seattle-based holding company. Alhadeff has been an active philanthropist and supporter of Democratic causes. "I love my democracy," he says. Contributing "doesn't come from my company as much as it comes from my heart."
<b>38</b>	William Marler	Seattle	\$46,063	\$0	\$46,063	Dem	Marler is a prominent Seattle trial attorney who represented families whose children got E. coli at Jack in the Box. He was Gov. Gary Locke's campaign finance chairman.
<b>39</b>	Lenore Hanauer	Seattle	\$43,100	\$0	\$43,100	Dem	Since 1924, the Hanauer family has run Seattle bedding maker Pacific Coast Feather, one of the region's largest privately owned businesses.
<b>40</b>	Ruth Ann Lorentzen	Seattle	\$41,800	\$0	\$41,800	Dem	Microsoft executive has kept a low community profile but has been a significant contributor to Democratic national campaigns and party activities since the mid-1990s.
<b>41</b>	Nancy Nordhoff	Langley	\$40,915	\$0	\$40,915	Dem	From a family of philanthropists, Nancy Nordhoff has quietly supported many causes and is perhaps best known for building a retreat on Whidbey Island for female writers.
<b>42</b>	Bill Neukom	Seattle	\$37,950	\$0	\$37,950	Dem	Former Microsoft general counsel. He was elected chairman of Preston Gates & Ellis earlier this year.
<b>43</b>	Craig Clifford	Spokane	\$36,500	\$0	\$36,500	Rep	Craig Clifford owns Clifford Enterprises, an investment company in Spokane.
<b>44</b>	Steve Berman	Mercer Island	\$36,000	\$0	\$36,000	Dem	Managing partner of Hagens Berman law firm, which specializes in class-action lawsuits. Litigated the case Washington and 12 other states brought against tobacco companies that resulted in a \$206 billion settlement in 1998.
<b>45</b>	Harriet Bullitt	Leavenworth	\$35,700	\$0	\$35,700	Dem	Investor and philanthropist who has long championed liberal and environmental causes.
<b>46</b>	William Weyerhaeuser	Tacoma	\$35,500	\$0	\$35,500	Rep	Serves on the board of directors for Potlatch Corp. and is chairman of the board for Columbia Banking System and Eden Bioscience.
<b>47</b>	Peter Amstein	Seattle	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	Dem	Microsoft manager earmarked most of his contributions to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to help the party try to retake control of the U.S. Senate.
<b>48</b>	Charles Pigott	Bellevue	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	Rep	Former chairman and CEO of Paccar. Holds the Edward V. Fritzky Endowed Visiting Chair in Leadership at the UW Business School.
<b>49</b>	Anne Redman	Seattle	\$34,550	\$0	\$34,550	Dem	Harvard-educated attorney specializing in health-care law.
<b>50</b>	Mario Segale	Tukwila	\$33,000	\$0	\$33,000	Both	Longtime South King County builder and developer. Nintendo's "Mario" games are said to be named after him because he once rented a warehouse to the company.

**THE TOTALS:** | Total for Washington's top 50 donors: \$6,283,003. To candidates, initiatives and party organizations: \$3,731,468. To independent "527" groups: \$ 2,551,535.