

Who We Are

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, supports the advancement of literacy and K-12 education through its free educational Web site, Thinkfinity.org, and fosters awareness and prevention of domestic violence. In 2008, the Verizon Foundation awarded more than \$68 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the U.S. and abroad. It also matched the charitable donations of Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in an additional \$26 million in combined contributions to nonprofits. Through Verizon Volunteers, one of the nation's largest employee volunteer programs, Verizon employees and retirees have volunteered more than 3 million hours of community service since 2000. Visit us online to learn more about the Verizon Foundation.

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Verizon Communications

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE:VZ), headquartered in New York, is a leader in delivering broadband and other wireline and wireless communication innovations to mass market, business, government and wholesale customers. Verizon Wireless operates America's most reliable wireless network, serving more than 80 million customers nationwide. Verizon's Wireline operations include Verizon Business, which delivers innovative and seamless business solutions to customers around the world, and Verizon Telecom, which brings customers the benefits of converged communications, information and entertainment services over the nation's most advanced fiber-optic network. A Dow 30 company, Verizon employs a diverse workforce of nearly 224,000 and last year generated consolidated operating revenues of more than \$97 billion.

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Verizon Foundation

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The Human Side of Technology

We are the Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications. Our goal is to invest in results and fuel positive social change in issues that impact our employees, customers and communities. Our purposeful philanthropy targets nonprofit initiatives that leverage technology to advance these issues and outcomes:

EDUCATION AND LITERACY

- Enhance educator effectiveness and improve student achievement

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Increase use of safety strategies, prevent violence and improve survivors' quality of life

INTERNET SAFETY

- Empower the safe and effective use of technology

HEALTHCARE/ACCESSIBILITY

- Increase access to health information, advance caregiver effectiveness and improve patient health

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERISM

- Encourage and support our human network

Our Numbers Tell a Story

Since 2000, we have made philanthropic investments of more than \$450 million to nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world. In 2008:

\$68 million	total funds donated
\$35.7 million	contributed to advancing education and literacy
\$4.7 million	to assist in domestic violence prevention
\$2.7 million	invested in healthcare programs
\$12.7 million	donated by Verizon employees
\$13.4 million	matching gifts awarded by Verizon Foundation
608,256	hours of employee community service
15,630	nonprofits received time and money from employees
2,910	competitive grants awarded

The Verizon Foundation ranks as the:

- 7th largest distributor of cash grants among U.S. corporations¹
- 3rd largest investor in K-12 Education among U.S. corporations²
- 5th largest employee volunteer program in the U.S.²
- 17th largest corporate foundation in the Dow 30³
- 2nd largest corporate foundation among Dow 30 telecom companies³

"We focus our resources to drive real and sustained social change in critical issues – education, literacy, skills for the 21st century, personal safety and health. By investing in results, we are making meaningful contributions to improving the quality of life for our employees, our customers, our communities and our world."

Patrick Gaston,
President, Verizon Foundation

¹ The Chronicle of Philanthropy

² Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy

³ The Conference Board

Education & Literacy

Verizon is a long-standing partner in the national and global campaigns to improve literacy and education achievement. The Verizon Foundation invests in education and literacy initiatives that leverage innovative technology and interactive learning to increase 21st century skills for children and adults.



Thinkfinity.org

Thinkfinity.org is the Verizon Foundation's signature initiative for education and literacy. Launched in 2007 and representing a \$31 million commitment, Thinkfinity.org is a Web site filled with free online resources to enhance teacher effectiveness and improve student achievement.

Thinkfinity.org is nationally recognized for providing:

- Free, high-quality educational resources and professional development
- Easy-to-navigate K-12 content that is grade specific and aligned with state standards
- Content developed by the Thinkfinity.org Consortium Partners, the most respected organizations in each academic subject, and used by teachers across the country

Thinkfinity.org Consortium Partners

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Council for Economic Education
International Reading Association
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
National Center for Family Literacy
National Council of Teachers of English
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Geographic Society
ProLiteracy
Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Literacy and Lifelong Learning

We support innovative national and grassroots programs to improve literacy and lifelong learning, with particular emphasis on strengthening the problem solving, creativity and critical thinking skills needed for success in the 21st Century. We target creative, outcomes-based programs that further early childhood learning, promote family literacy, increase adult literacy and assist English language learners.

Education and Literacy Partners

American Library Association
League of United Latino American Citizens
National Council of La Raza
National Urban League



Safety & Health

The Verizon Foundation is committed to enhancing personal safety and healthy communities. We believe that technology plays a significant role in safety and health, and support programs that leverage technology innovations to improve access to information, resources and services.

Preventing Domestic Violence

Verizon has been invested in the issue of domestic violence prevention for over a decade. We support programs that enhance prevention through education and incorporate online resources for broad outreach to diverse populations. Through the Verizon Wireless HopeLine® program and Foundation grants, we provide support for programs and initiatives that deliver effective relief for survivors and assist them in recovery.

Domestic Violence Prevention Partners

Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation
National Family Justice Center Alliance
National Network to End Domestic Violence
Penn State University
Rutgers University

Improving Access to Healthcare

We invest in projects that provide technology to help underserved populations and people with disabilities access information about critical health issues. We also support innovative technology that helps healthcare providers increase their effectiveness and reach.

Healthcare Partners

American Foundation for the Blind
American Red Cross
Sister to Sister – Everyone Has a Heart Foundation
World Institute on Disabilities



Verizon Volunteers

Verizon is known for our network. And we are equally known for our human network – the extraordinary employees who are the face of Verizon's philanthropy in communities across the country and around the world.

Verizon employees are deeply dedicated to volunteerism – and generously share their talents and expertise in their communities. That's why Verizon's employee engagement program is the 5th largest in the United States, based on the hours contributed by our employee volunteers. Last year, our employees contributed more than 608,000 hours, and \$12.7 million, to causes and organizations they care about. It is the privilege of the Verizon Foundation to encourage and support our employees' volunteer efforts. Last year, we provided \$13.4 million in matching gifts, and recognized more than 13,652 individual volunteers.

Promoting Internet Safety

Verizon is an acknowledged leader in the issue of Internet safety, and the Verizon Foundation supports nonprofit initiatives that further awareness and provide effective education for parents, children and seniors on how to maintain a safe and secure online experience.

Internet Safety Partners

Enough Is Enough
I-Safe
Web Wise Kids