

Famous Historic Philanthropic Figures

The following is a listing of some historic philanthropic figures who may be researched for the portrayals.

- **Jane Addams:** She is often described as a selfless person who devoted her life to helping the poor. The most well-known activity that she engaged in was founding the Settlement House Movement in which she offered various types of care to the poor and taught English to immigrants. <http://www.johnshepler.com/articles/janeaddams.html> and <http://www.lkwdpl.org/wihohio/adda-jan.htm>
- **Susan B. Anthony:** Susan was known as a self-disciplined, tireless worker who fought for various women's rights. She is most known for helping to establish the National Woman Suffrage Association, and trying to win the right to vote for women. <http://www.history.rochester.edu/class/sba/third.html> and <http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org/> Click on Biography.
- **Clara Barton:** Her focus in life was meeting the needs of the common good, no matter how strenuous it was for her personally. She was a brave woman who delivered supplies to the front for the soldiers during the Civil War. Her greatest achievement was helping to establish the American Red Cross. <http://www.incwell.com/Biographies/Barton.html> and <http://www2.lucidcafe.com/lucidcafe/library/95dec/barton.html>
- **Andrew Carnegie:** He has been called "the richest man in the world," however, he had a heart of gold. Among his achievements were the founding of the Carnegie Institution and the Carnegie Corporation, both of which enabled various colleges and universities to conduct research. He also embarked upon a campaign of world wide library building because he thought that education was important. At the time of his death, he had given away over \$350 million dollars to various philanthropic causes. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/timeline>, <http://www.clpgh.org/exhibit/carnegie.html> (Click on Business History link to Andrew Carnegie), Click on Carnegie Corporation of New York - www.carnegie.org
- **Michael Ellis DeBakey:** He is known as a compassionate, selfless, dedicated surgeon who has performed more than 60,000 cardiovascular procedures around the world on rich and poor alike. He also helped to develop the M.A.S.H. (Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals) and invented many medical devices, such as the artificial



heart.<http://www.wic.org/bio/debakey.htm> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_DeBakey

- **Dorothea Dix:** She is recognized for her caring, tireless efforts as a crusader for improved conditions in mental hospitals and prisons. <http://www.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/dorotheadix.html>
- **Herbert Henry Dow:** His main contribution to the common good was to improve people's quality of life through his various chemical inventions. <http://www.corrosion-doctors.org/Biographies/DowBio.htm>
- **Henry Ford:** He is known as a hard working inventor who also wanted to improve the quality of life for people. Tirelessly, he devoted his time to the development of the automobile assembly line, so that automobiles would be affordable for everyone. He loved history, and his Henry Ford Museum - Greenfield Village complex in Dearborn, Michigan, has one of the most comprehensive exhibits of history in America.<http://www.thehenryford.org/education/index.aspx> and <http://www.hfmgv.org/exhibits/hf/>
- **W.K. Kellogg:** W.K. was known as a compassionate, caring individual who, when trying to improve the vegetarian diet of the patients in the hospital that he worked in, stumbled upon the invention of cereal. He believed in helping young people and created the Fellowship Corporation which has helped to build schools and recreation centers, and has helped with various other causes for children. <http://www.WKKE.org/> Click on Who We Are
- **Sebastian S. Kresge:** He was known as a caring person who believed in sharing his wealth with the common good. He developed a chain of dime stores and established the Kresge Foundation to celebrate his company's 25th anniversary. The Kresge Foundation has helped various colleges and universities, upgraded scientific equipment, and assisted various community foundations. <http://www.kresge.org/>
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.:** He was a hard working, dedicated leader of the civil rights movement who worked to make conditions equal for everyone. He tried to stop segregation using non-violent methods. <http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/mlk/> and <http://members.aol.com/magoo0885/index.html> [no longer available]
- **Charles Stewart Mott:** Charles was known as a concerned, responsible, loyal man who loved to work. He was very successful in the automobile industry as Chief of General Motors' advisory staff and he served as mayor of Flint, Michigan. He created the Mott



Foundation which: has assisted many universities, churches, and children's camps; has helped people in natural disasters; and established the "community school." <http://www.mott.org/> Click on Our Founder.

- **Rosa Parks:** Rosa is a dedicated, determined woman who believes in equal rights for all. She has been called the "mother of the civil rights movement" for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. This led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which resulted in the desegregation of buses, which was an important advancement towards equality for all. <http://www.achievement.org/autodoc/page/par0pro-1> and <http://www.grandtimes.com/rosa.html>
- **John D. Rockefeller:** He was a self-disciplined, hard-working businessman who made millions of dollars in the oil industry by creating the Standard Oil Company. He ended up giving away millions of dollars by creating the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; the General Education Board, which helped to establish high schools in the South; the University of Chicago; and the Rockefeller Foundation. <http://www.rockefeller.edu/about.php>
- **Eleanor Roosevelt:** She was known as a loving, selfless, strong woman who worked for social change and women's causes as well as assisting President Franklin D. Roosevelt while he was running the nation. She focused on the poverty-stricken, blacks, children, and the unemployed to make conditions better and equal for all. http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,2029774_2029776_2031823,00.html
- **Jonas Salk:** Jonas was an energetic, dedicated researcher who developed a vaccine against polio. He refused to patent the vaccine because he did not want to make any money from it. Instead, he wanted to see thousands of people improve the quality of their lives.

<http://www.achievement.org/autodoc/page/sal0pro-1> and <http://www.wic.org/bio/jsalk.htm>

- **Mother Teresa:** She was a very loving, selfless woman who is most well known for her work with the poor, sick, and dying. She established orphanages in India and the Missionaries of Charity, where her homes would enable people to die in a warm, loving atmosphere. <http://www.ascension-research.org/teresa.html> and <http://www.tisv.be/mt/en/life.htm>



- **Harriet Tubman:** She was a brave, courageous woman who led slaves up north to freedom on the Underground Railroad, because she believed in freedom and equal rights for all mankind. <http://www.incwell.com/Biographies/Tubman.html> <http://www.camalott.com/~rsmith/moses.html> [no longer available]
- **W.E. Upjohn:** He was a dedicated, hard-working doctor who invented a friable pill, which made it easy to dissolve. He then founded the Upjohn (pharmaceutical) Company. He focused on solving unemployment problems created by the Depression by offering people jobs, so they could take care of themselves and their families. <http://www.upjohninst.org/about/history.html>
- **Madam C. J. Walker:** She was the first black woman millionaire. She devised hair and grooming products for black women. She was a passionate fighter against segregation and supported many educational, social, and civic organizations that supported black Americans. Sarah Breedlove <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/soc/women/lawomen/walker.html>

