

# 48 Heroes of Philanthropy

From helping disaster victims to funding soup kitchens, they make our latest regional list.



Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

## AUSTRALIA

**JAN CAMERON 57**  
**Founder of outdoor-clothing chain Kathmandu and owner of Retail Adventures.**

Since 2006 has donated more than \$20 million to animal welfare groups, a hospital and child care center in Tasmania (where she lives), research into the cancer that's killing Tasmanian devils and other causes. She donates the roughly \$9 million annual profit of her Chickenfeed chain in Tasmania to charity.



Clive Palmer

**ANDREW FORREST 48**  
**Fortescue Metals founder.**  
 Billionaire works to find jobs for Aborigines. (See story, p. 50.)

**DAME ELISABETH MURDOCH 101**

**Mother of global media mogul Rupert Murdoch.**

A leading supporter of cultural, social, medical and children's causes for more than 75 years, including the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, the Royal Children's Hospital, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Australian Ballet. Supports more than 100 charities each year. In 2008 was one of 5 philanthropists honored in the "Australian Legends" series of postage stamps.

**CLIVE PALMER 55**  
**Founder and chairman of Mineralogy and Resourcehouse.**  
 In 2008 pledged \$100 million to



Huang Nubo

medical research and care in Western Australia, with the focus on indigenous people. The pledge is being funded by royalties from his iron ore projects in the Pilbara region, and the money starts going into health care projects by next year.

## CHINA

**HUANG NUBO 46**  
**Chairman of Beijing property developer Zhongkun Group.**

In a year of tension and violence in western China made donations to promote stability, including \$73,000 to Tibet University for scholarships and activities, and \$30,000 to Tibet's Tashihunpo Monastery. Works to advance Chinese culture abroad, giving \$100,000 to the East Asia Library at UCLA. In January gave \$75,000 to his alma mater, Peking University.

**HUANG RULUN 59**  
**Founder of property developer Golden Resources Group.**

Topped FORBES CHINA's list of philanthropists last year with \$40 million in cash donations; over his career has donated some \$311 million, according to his company. Largest targets of his generosity: housing for the elderly in economically backward Yunnan Province, where he also is investing in property. In his home province of Fujian he's funded new buildings worth \$34 million for the Fujian Jiangxia Institute.

**JACK MA 45**  
**Alibaba Group founder.**

Aims to help farmers increase crop yields, introduce education reforms and other causes. Last year spearheaded a \$5 million Alibaba donation to launch Grameen China and provide microcredit loans in Mongolia and the Sichuan earthquake zone.

**YAO MING 30**  
**Basketball all-star.**

Supports an international cause that's not as popular in China as his play on the court: ending the consumption of shark's fin soup; he was featured in an ad last year for Wildaid. Meantime he's set up the Yao Ming Fund, which helped the Sichuan earthquake victims.

## HONG KONG

**JACKIE CHAN 55**  
**Hollywood movie star.**

A tireless charity worker, and not just for his Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation and Dragon's Heart Foundation. After singing on "Bring You Home," dedicated to the 8 Chinese peacekeepers who died in the earthquake in Haiti, he donated \$730,000 to their families and the UN. This follows \$1.5 million he gave after the Sichuan earthquake. Charity will get half his assets after he dies.

**JONATHAN CHOI 52**  
**Chairman of Sunwah Group.**  
 Focuses on education in Hong



Kong, China and North America. He and his family have more than a dozen foundations, school buildings and museums in their names at Nanjing and Fudan universities and elsewhere. Gave \$5 million to establish the U.S.-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence at Michigan State University. Also awards scholarships to Vietnamese to attend colleges in China.

### FONG YUN WAH 85

**Hip Shing Hong Group chair.**

Funded 2 buildings at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Still turning up for work regularly, he hears reports from his newspaper-scanning staff about families facing emergency needs and approves offers of support. Recently he gave \$30,000 to rebuild a health center in Inner Mongolia and \$15,000 to a village in Guangxi.

### PETER GAUTSCHI 83

**Ran the Peninsula Hotel.**

Building schools with his Studer Trust. (See story, p. 53.)

## INDIA

### ANU AGA 67

**Director of engineering firm Thermax.**

Concentrates on addressing India's "educational inequity." In 2008 she cofounded Teach for India, which recruits graduates and professionals under age 35 to teach for 2 years in low-income schools. Thermax donates 1% of its net profits to charity each year; Aga and her family hold a 62% stake.

### KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW 56

**Chairman and managing director of Biocon.**

Contributed \$10 million to es-

tablish the 1,400-bed Mazumdar-Shaw Cancer Centre in Bangalore. Due to open this year, it will provide free care to poor patients in the evening. She also donates \$2 million a year to her Biocon Foundation, which runs a micro health insurance scheme that covers 100,000 villagers. Has also committed \$3 million to the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad.

### KIRAN NADAR 58

**Wife of HCL Technologies cofounder Shiv Nadar.**

A collector of contemporary Indian art, she recently opened the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art on the outskirts of New Delhi. It houses 47 paintings and sculptures from her collection and is funded by the Shiv Nadar Foundation. "Indians don't have much of a museum habit," she says. "I'm hoping to inculcate it." She aims to open a bigger venue that's planned for next to the HCL campus.

### ROHINI NILEKANI 50

**Early investor in Infosys Technologies and wife of cofounder Nandan Nilekani.**

Has donated \$40 million over the years. (See story, p. 54.)

## INDONESIA

### YANI RODYAT 58

**Medco Energy vice chairman.**

Through family's Yayasan Yusuf Panigoro foundation pays the tuition of 335 underprivileged children and provides them with living expenses and an Islamic faith study group for them and their mothers. Frequently donates to Himmata, which looks after Jakarta's street children and teaches them to be entrepreneurs or organic vegetable farmers. Runs Medco

Foundation, which sponsors youth sporting events and offers microfinancing services.

### PUTERA SAMPOERNA 62

**Former tobacco tycoon.**

Started the Sampoerna Foundation in 2001 and pledged \$150 million to it. In the past decade it has awarded more than 33,000 scholarships and trained more than 10,000 teachers. With Iowa State University in the U.S., it opened a university in Jakarta last year to train teachers; it provides scholarships to most of the students.

### MARTHA TILAA 72

**Founder of cosmetic and herbal company Martha Tilaar.**

The family's Martha Tilaar Foundation teaches farmers organic farming techniques and advocates the use of natural dyes in the country's signature batik prints. She's been a foster parent for numerous traditional medicinal herbal drink (*jamu*) vendors for the past 19 years, helping them to introduce new methods and ingredients.

### EKA TJIPTA WIDJAJA 86

**Patriarch of Sinar Mas.**

His Eka Tjipta Foundation boosts education and environmental conservation in Indonesia. This year it provided 1 million saplings to the government's Billion Tree Campaign. Its Sumatera Quake Schools Rehabilitation program rebuilds schools in parts of Jambi Province. It also helped set up Economics for Life, an entrepreneurship program for students in 25 high schools.

## JAPAN

### SOICHIRO FUKUTAKE 64

**Owner of Benesse, leading cram-school operator and correspondence-course seller.**



Jack Ma



Jackie Chan



Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw



Kiran Nadar