

Announcement:

Crossroads receives *Best In America* certification. Less than 2,000 charities in the US receive this seal.

The Do No Harm organization reviewed Serving at the Crossroads and awarded them their seal of endorsement as a reliable charitable investment. The seal identifies them as a creditable organization where donors can have confidence in knowing that their contribution is intended to support the charity's stated mission and objectives.

The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence is awarded to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that have, upon rigorous independent review, been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. These standards include those required by the US Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, probably the most exclusive fund drive in the world. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and, of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal.

