



# The Charity Nine AI-Assisted Report



A detailed structured report covering The Charity Nine for a charity of your choice



## Summary Report Card

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## 1. Identity of the Organization

- **Name:** AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
- **EIN:** 530196605
- **Address:** 431 18TH ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006-5310
- **History:** Tax-exempt since December 1938
- **Fiscal Year Ended:** June 30, 2025
- **Filing Date:** March 23, 2026
- **Total Revenue:** \$3,916,983,933
- **Total Expenses:** \$3,285,857,544
- **Net Income:** \$631,126,389
- **Net Assets:** \$4,116,230,889
- **IRS Form 990 Version:** This organization filed IRS **Form 990** for its most recent fiscal year. **Form 990** provides a wealth of information about the charity's operations and finances, with a focus on public support, programs, governance, and spending.
- **Website:** <http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG>
- **CharityCheck101.org Report:** [Go to Report](#)
- **ProPublica.org Report (many 990s available):** [Go to Report](#)
- **Report Generated:** June 9, 2026 at 10:39 AM PDT

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## 2. Public Charity Status Screen Test

**Goal:** Verify the organization's tax-exempt classification and charitable contribution deductibility status.

**Evaluation:** ● Green (Public Charity)

IRS Classification: 501(c)(3) Public Charity — Church or Religious Organization. Contributions are generally tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

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### **Listed Relationships:**

None listed

## 3. Timely IRS Filings

**Goal:** Check if the charity files its tax returns on time.

- **Tax Year Ending Date:** June 30, 2025
- **Today's Date:** June 9, 2026
- **Days Elapsed:** 344 days

**Evaluation:** ● Green

Current.

## 4. Program Spending Percentage

**Goal:** Determine how much of the budget goes directly to programs vs. overhead.

- **Total Functional Expenses:** \$3,285,857,544
- **Program Spending:** \$2,985,109,298 (90.8%)
- **Administrative Spending:** \$105,697,639 (3.2%)
- **Fundraising Spending:** \$195,050,607 (5.9%)

**Evaluation:** ● Yellow

**Program Spending: 90.8%**

The ● Green zone is from 60% to 80%. Find more details in the Guide.

### **Why discuss a program spending percentage above 80% with the organization?**

A high program spending percentage is not always a concern. Some organizations legitimately operate with very low overhead — volunteers may handle administrative functions, or long-established donor relationships may make fundraising costs genuinely low. These are real efficiencies worth recognizing.

That said, if an organization reports spending more than 80% on programs, it means it is spending less than 20% on administration and fundraising. Well-run organizations must spend meaningful resources on administration and fundraising.

Charities know that many donors seek a high program spending percentage. Administrative and fundraising costs can be made to appear artificially low by: (i) having administrative or fundraising costs paid from an outside

source, (ii) under-spending on important parts of its operations or (iii) mis-categorizing administration or fundraising costs as program costs.

**The bottom line: dig deeper.** Ask the organization directly how it keeps its administrative and fundraising costs low, and whether that's reducing their impact. A well-run organization will have a clear and confident answer.

Read our Findings post ["Don't Make Charities Starve and then Expect Strong Results"](#) for more thoughts on this.

## 5. Top Program Focus

**Goal:** Ensure the charity's spending matches your personal giving goals.

- **Top Program:** BIOMEDICAL SERVICES THE ORGANIZATION COLLECTS, PROCESSES AND DISTRIBUTES APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S BLOOD SUPPLY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE ORGANIZATION COLLECTED NEARLY 4.7 MILLION PRODUCTIVE UNITS OF BLOOD FROM MORE THAN 2.2 MILLION DONORS. IN ADDITION, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DELIVERED MORE THAN 6.5 MILLION BLOOD PRODUCTS TO HELP PATIENTS AT ABOUT 2,500 HOSPITALS AND TRANSFUSION CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

*[Text capitalization, punctuation, and spacing are from the return as filed.]*

- **Program Cost:** \$2,119,409,244 (64.5% of Total Spending)

### **Top Program AI Summary:**

The Biomedical Services program collects, processes, and distributes approximately 40% of the nation's blood supply. Each year, this vital work collects millions of units of blood from donors and delivers over 6.5 million blood products to help patients in about 2,500 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

**Evaluation:** 🔍 (For Your Review)

*Does this top program align with what you want to support?*

## 6. Highest Paid Employee Spending

**Goal:** Assess dependence on a single employee and management costs.

- **Highest Paid Employee:** Clifford Holtz, President & Ceo  
As Of 7/1/2024
- **Compensation:** \$989,075
- **Percentage of Total Expenses:** 0.03%

**Evaluation:** ● Green

The ● Green zone is from 0% to 5%. Find more details in the Guide.

## 7. Top Contractor Spending

**Goal:** Check for heavy reliance on outside contractors.

**Evaluation:** ● Green

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- **Top Contractor:** Moore Cdr
- **Service:** Direct Mail
- **Compensation:** \$22,251,399 (0.68% of total expenses)

## 8. Financial Reserve Ratio

**Goal:** Determine if the charity has appropriate financial reserves.

- **Net Assets:** \$4,116,230,889
- **Total Expenses:** \$3,285,857,544
- **Ratio:** 1.3

**Evaluation:** ● Green

The ● Green zone is from 0.5 to 2.0 (six months to two years). Find more details in the Guide.

**Financial Reserve Ratio: 1.3**

This means the charity has 1.3 years of spending saved, which is in the normal range.

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## 9. News & Publicity Check

**Goal:** Search for news coverage, ratings reports, and public red flags — including lawsuits, fraud, allegations, financial mismanagement, and other legal or reputational concerns — using AI-assisted analysis.

### Direct Rating Links:

Charity Navigator

GuideStar

CharityWatch

*Check the services directly for their views on this charity.*

### AI News Summary

*The American National Red Cross faces multiple active and settled lawsuits, including an antitrust case and ERISA-related class actions. The organization was also fined by the FDA for approximately \$9.6 million.*

### AI Search Results Analysis

Date	Source	Headline	Sentiment	Summary
Mar 2026	<a href="#">CourtListener</a> <a href="#">↗</a>	Cannon v. American National Red Cross, 1:26-cv-00036 ...	<b>Negative</b>	Details a civil lawsuit filed against American National Red Cross in March 2026 in Kentucky.
Mar 2026	<a href="#">CourtListener</a> <a href="#">↗</a>	Jostedt v. American National Red Cross,	<b>Negative</b>	Details a civil lawsuit filed against American National Red

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		4:26-cv-00441		Cross in March 2026 in Missouri.
Oct 2025	<a href="#">X.com ↗</a>	American Red Cross Gets Final Approval for \$950000 ERISA Deal	<b>Negative</b>	Announces final approval of a \$950,000 class settlement resolving an ERISA lawsuit for American National Red Cross workers.
Jul 2025	<a href="#">CharityWatch ↗</a>	American Red Cross   Charity Ratings   Donating Tips	<b>Neutral</b>	Profile verification for American National Red Cross (Tax ID: 53-0196605).
Jul 2025	<a href="#">CharityWatch ↗</a>	American Red Cross   Charity Ratings   Donating Tips	<b>Negative</b>	The organization was fined almost \$9.6 million by the Food and Drug Administration.
Nov 2022	<a href="#">Justice.gov ↗</a>	Verax Biomedical Inc. v. American National Red Cross	<b>Negative</b>	Reports an antitrust civil non-merger case filed against American

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				National Red Cross by Verax Biomedical Inc.
Undated	<a href="#">GuideStar ↗</a>	American Red Cross - GuideStar Profile	<b>Neutral</b>	Profile verification for American National Red Cross with EIN 53-0196605.
Undated	<a href="#">Charity Navigator ↗</a>	Rating for American Red Cross - Charity Navigator	<b>Neutral</b>	Profile verification for American National Red Cross (EIN: 53-0196605).
Undated	<a href="#">ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer ↗</a>	American National Red Cross - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica	<b>Neutral</b>	Profile verification confirming tax-exempt status and EIN 53-0196605.
Undated	<a href="#">ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer ↗</a>	American National Red Cross - Full Filing - Nonprofit Explorer	<b>Neutral</b>	Profile verification for American National Red Cross with EIN 53-0196605.
Undated	<a href="#">Berger Montague ↗</a>	In re: The American National Red Cross	<b>Negative</b>	Reports a class action lawsuit alleging breach of

Date	Source	Headline	Sentiment	Summary
		ERISA Litigation		fiduciary duty against the American Red Cross Savings Plan participants.
Undated	<a href="#">Classaction.org</a> <a href="#">↗</a>	The Benefit Plan Committee of the American National Red Cross	<b>Negative</b>	Mentions The Benefit Plan Committee of the American National Red Cross in the context of a lawsuit related to data protection.

### Risk Assessment

The American National Red Cross has been involved in several significant legal challenges. These include a substantial fine of approximately \$9.6 million by the Food and Drug Administration. The organization is also facing ongoing civil lawsuits, such as 'Cannon v. American National Red Cross' and 'Jostedt v. American National Red Cross' (both filed in March 2026), and previously faced an antitrust case ('Verax Biomedical Inc. v. American National Red Cross' in November 2022). Furthermore, there was a class action ERISA litigation alleging breach of fiduciary duty, which resulted in a \$950,000 settlement. Risks identified include potential financial liabilities from legal disputes, regulatory non-compliance leading to fines, and operational risks associated with benefits plan management and oversight as indicated by the ERISA

lawsuit and the mention of the Benefit Plan Committee in a data protection context.

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