



**INSIDE FJC**

**2014 BREAKS FJC RECORDS**

As of December 31, 2014:

Assets under management grew to a record \$246 million.

Contributions were up 18% over 2013, with the largest increase in the Donor-Advised Fund of 29% from 2013.

The number of accounts FJC was managing grew 5% to nearly 1000 (984).

The value of grants paid out grew by 6% to nearly \$35.5 million.



**IRS COMPLETES THE “DIRTY DOZEN” TAX SCAMS FOR 2015**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service wrapped up the 2015 “Dirty Dozen” list of tax scams with a warning to taxpayers about aggressive telephone scams continuing coast-to-coast during the early weeks of this year’s filing season.

For the first time, here is a recap of this year’s “Dirty Dozen” scams:

- **Phone Scams:** Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remains an ongoing threat to taxpayers.
- **Phishing:** Taxpayers need to be on guard against fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. Don’t click on one claiming to be from the IRS that takes you by surprise. Taxpayers should be wary of clicking on strange emails and websites.
- **Identity Theft:** Taxpayers need to watch out for identity theft especially around tax time.
- **Return Preparer Fraud:** Taxpayers need to be on the lookout for unscrupulous return preparers. The vast majority of tax professionals provide honest high-quality service. Return preparers are a vital part of the U.S. tax system. About 60 percent of taxpayers use tax professionals to prepare their returns.
- **Offshore Tax Avoidance:** The recent string of successful enforcement actions against offshore tax cheats and the financial organizations that help them shows that it’s a bad bet to hide money and income offshore. Taxpayers are best served by coming in voluntarily and getting their taxes and filing requirements in order.
- **Inflated Refund Claims:** Taxpayers need to be on the lookout for anyone promising inflated refunds.
- **Fake Charities:** Taxpayers should be on guard against groups masquerading as charitable organizations to attract donations from unsuspecting contributors. [Those with donor-advised funds can trust their DAF staff to authenticate charities.]
- **Hiding Income with Fake Documents:** Hiding taxable income by filing false Form 1099s or other fake documents is a scam that taxpayers should always avoid and guard against. Taxpayers are legally responsible for what is on their returns regardless of who prepares the returns.
- **Abusive Tax Shelters:** Taxpayers should avoid using abusive tax structures to avoid paying taxes. The IRS is committed to stopping complex tax avoidance schemes and the people who create and sell them.
- **Falsifying Income to Claim Credits:** Taxpayers should avoid inventing income to erroneously claim tax credits. Taxpayers are sometimes talked into doing this by scam artists.
- **Excessive Claims for Fuel Tax Credits:** Taxpayers need to avoid improper claims for fuel tax credits.
- **Frivolous Tax Arguments:** Taxpayers should avoid using frivolous tax arguments to avoid paying their taxes. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is \$5,000.



**CHARITY  
SPOTLIGHT**

# DISABILITY RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

Disability Rights International (DRI) is the premier advocacy organization dedicated to promoting the human rights and full participation in society of people with disabilities worldwide. Since 1993, DRI has trained and supported advocates seeking legal and service system reform and assisted governments in developing laws and policies to promote community integration and human rights enforcement for people with disabilities. DRI's long-term strategic goal is to bring an end to the segregation of people with disabilities worldwide.

DRI forges new alliances throughout the world to challenge the discrimination and abuse faced by people with disabilities by working with locally based advocates to create new advocacy projects and to promote citizen participation and human rights for children and adults.

DRI maintains offices in Eastern Europe (EE), the Former Soviet Union (FSU) and in the Americas and is headquartered in Washington, DC.

DRI's work in Ukraine, for example, has taken on a grave sense of urgency as children in orphanages and institutions living in conflict zones are extremely vulnerable to all sorts of exploitation. According to the UN, the gravest human rights violations facing children during war include sexual violence and abduction.

UNICEF has estimated 82,000 children living in Ukraine's institutions while other NGOs and Ukraine advocacy groups quote numbers of 100,000 and upwards of 200,000. And the government itself offers widely varying numbers.

At a time when Ukraine is locked in conflict in the east, undergoing widespread political turmoil, and experiencing devastating economic hardship, it is essential to ensure protection of the basic human rights of the country's most vulnerable populations, including children with and without disabilities who are living in institutions. With support from FJC and World Jewish Relief, DRI is working throughout Ukraine to train activists to advocate on behalf of people with disabilities and help Ukraine downsize and eventually abolish its system of children's institutions.



This picture is of a young girl in Serbia where DRI has done much work. She was once living in an institution (before); now she is living with a family in the community (after). She has friends, goes to school etc. This what DRI is also working towards in Ukraine.