

《双语：捐款600亿美元的四位慈善大亨》



Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook made headlines this year when he announced that he plans to give away the vast majority of his estimated \$785million fortune.

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The head of the world's largest technology corporation told Fortune magazine that he intends to donate all his money to charity, after paying for his ten-year-old nephew's college education.

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But Cook is far from the only high-profile multimillionaire to show such generosity. Dozens of the world's wealthiest men and woman have committed to donating the majority of their impressive fortunes to charity - either during their lifetime of in their will - through The Giving Pledge.

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Bill and Melinda Gates

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Co-founders of The Giving Pledge Bill and Melinda Gates set up the initiative in 2010 as a means to encourage the wealthiest families to make a moral commitment to devote at least 50 per cent of their fortune to philanthropy.

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According to Forbes, Microsoft founder Bill Gates' net worth rose to a staggering \$79.2 billion in 2015, making him the richest person in the world for the second consecutive year.

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But he was also the top charitable donor. The billionaire businessman and his wife invested a massive \$1.5billion into the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which is committed to tackling some of the world's toughest problems .

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The donation brought Gate's lifetime giving up to \$29.5 billion, Forbes reported.

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The couple continue to devote most of their time to philanthropy through their foundation, with a focus on improving U.S. education and tackling extreme global poverty and health.

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In 2010, Gates made one of the largest single charitable donations ever when he committed \$10billion to develop and distribute vaccines in the hope it will save the lives of more than eight million children in the world's poorest countries.

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Warren Buffett

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Close friend of the Gates and Giving Pledge co-founder, Warren Buffett has made a public commitment to gradually give away more than 99 per cent of his wealth over his lifetime or in his will.

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