Show Us the Money

Four generous groups reached deep into their pockets to combat HIV/AIDS.

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GlaxoSmithKline
The pharmaceutical company agreed to donate $80 million during the next decade to nongovernment organizations working in sub-Saharan Africa through its new Positive Action for Children Fund, which works to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission.

The Chicago Cubs
These ballplayers may still be haunted by the “Curse of the Billy Goat” (they haven’t won a World Series since 1945), but the team hit a home run with its $50,000 contribution to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago this July. The Windy City just got a lot less chilly.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Microsoft head Bill Gates’s philanthropic organization boosted its HIV prevention commitment in India by $80 million in July, increasing funding to its Avahan initiative in the country to a whopping $338 million.

Pfizer
Pfizer gave the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria $1 million for a new U.S.-based initiative to promote HIV testing, treatment and prevention in Washington, DC; New York City; and Oakland, California. Other participants include Levi Strauss, Chevron, Coca-Cola and OraSure Technologies.

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