How to donate wisely and avoid scams

- Look up a charity’s report & ratings:
  - give.org
  - guidestar.org
  - charitywatch.org
  - charitynavigator.org

- Never pay by gift card or wire transfer. Credit card and check are safer.

- Watch out for names that only look like well-known charities.

- Search the charity name online. Do people say it’s a scam?

- Ask how much of your donation goes to the program you want to support.

- Donating online? Be sure where that money is going.