

Letters: An offer of help to disgraced billionaires



As a relatively small charity that helps people to live better with sight loss, like many others we have seen donations drop over the last two years. We want to do more. We would like to be able to concentrate on doing the work we know makes a difference rather than scrabbling around for scraps of funding here and there until we get enough to make it through.

5 What's galling is the amount of money that's actually out there, money that those who have it don't use or don't really need (Britain's top earners giving less to charity while incomes rise, 15 December). I can promise you that I will find a better use for it – one that will improve more people's lives
10 and save the public purse from picking up the tab for the consequences were we not here.

The Sackler family's name may be mud at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York's Met museum to remove Sackler family name from its galleries, 9 December), as it was at our London art galleries a couple of
15 years ago, but we could use their money too: I think I could hold my nose just about long enough to take some of that apparently stinking pile and do something better with it.

Are there any other disgraced billionaires out there who want to salve their conscience a bit? Come and talk to me. I can help.

Hugh Sorrell

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- 1p 37 What becomes clear about the charity Hugh Sorrell works for, judging from lines 1-5?
- A It spends a lot of its time trying to stay afloat financially.
 - B Its impact is too low to justify such high expenses.
 - C Its size makes it vulnerable to changing economic tides.
- 1p 38 What is the main point made by Hugh Sorrell in this letter?
- A His charity gets overlooked by celebrities who are looking for flashier causes.
 - B His charity gladly receives donations from the superrich, whatever the source of the money.
 - C His charity offers the superrich a positive image in return for generous donations.
 - D His charity wants to attract superrich patrons whose contributions have been previously mismanaged.

Bronvermelding

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