

Sheikh Sulaiman bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Rajh, the world-renowned philanthropist and winner of the 2012 King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam, has not always been a billionaire. Born in 1920, he spent his youth in Al-Qassim where he and his brother Saleh began their business, changing money for pilgrims, on their way to the cities of Makkah and Madinah. Their business expanded in the 1970s during the oil boom in Saudi Arabia. The foundation organizes and oversees a substantial number of charities and humanitarian activities worldwide. In May 2011, Sulaiman Al-Rajh announced that he was donating most of his \$77 billion fortune to charity. During his lifetime, Al-Rajh distributed the rest of his wealth to his children in order to avoid potential disputes over inheritance that could destroy kinship and harmony among them.