The Pew Charitable Trusts were founded by the adult children of Sun Oil (now Sunoco) founder Joseph Pew. Seven of the 12 directors of the Pew Charitable Trusts are either former Sunoco executives or are members of the Pew family. Sunoco refines tar sands bitumen in its Toledo, OH refinery, and has plans to partner with tar sands operations. Suncor began in 1967 as a subsidiary of Sunoco, but Sunoco sold its stake in the 1990s. While the Charitable Trusts’ initial endowment derives from Sunoco, the company does not contribute directly to the Trusts.

Through the Canadian Boreal Initiative, the Pew Charitable Trusts distribute approximately $2 million per year* to Canadian environmental groups and First Nations. The money enters Canada via Ducks Unlimited, and ultimately comes from the Pew Charitable Trusts. Despite some protestations to the contrary, the Pew has deep ties to Sunoco, the company that originally established Suncor, and is currently expanding its tar sands refining operations. The groups listed below have received unknown amounts of funding from the CBI.

* $2 million per year is the figure volunteered by Larry Innes of the CBI in a 2007 interview with the *Dominion*. Since the CBI is not an organization but a project of Ducks Unlimited, no verifiable figures are available concerning its operations, outside of the funding the Pew provides to Ducks Unlimited. Pew did give $12 million in 2004 that was earmarked explicitly for the CBI, but what additional amount has gone to the CBI is unknown.