

Section Four

Taking Philanthropic Action

1. Finding the “Good Stuff”

This activity is based on the work of David Cooperrider, PhD, in the field of Appreciative Inquiry. It asks the participants to begin to look at the “good stuff” or “what works” in their community and organization, rather than focusing on the problems.

2. Space Odyssey – A Decade In the Future

This activity asks the participants to envision what their community and/or organization might look like in the future. While it has a serious objective, the activity makes it fun!

3. Listening to Leaders

Listening is a skill that all people need to improve or enhance, especially when involved in service to community. The activity puts into action the method of “appreciative inquiry” when participants interview community leaders to gather information about their philanthropic actions.

4. Check It Out! Assessment Scavenger Hunt

This activity provides a way to gather information to prepare for community philanthropic action.

5. My Personal Contribution As A Philanthropist

This activity allows participants to reflect on the time, talent and treasure they can give back to their communities. It provides an opportunity for them to make a personal commitment to philanthropic action.