

Youth as Philanthropist Section One – Activity Outline

What in the World is Philanthropy?

1. Introduction and Glossary

An introduction to the Youth as Philanthropist resource and a general philanthropic glossary for reference throughout the activities.

2. The Language of Philanthropy

Participants will begin to understand the language of philanthropy and be introduced to the words that appear throughout the activities.

3. Philanthropy Word Association

Using interview techniques and a “Person on the Street” format, participants will discover how much their peers and family know about the word “philanthropy”.

4. A to Z of Philanthropy

This is a matching activity which further explains the action of “philanthropy.” It can be used several times as an interactive activity and a reminder of the language and actions of philanthropy.

5. Philanthropic Race with Time

A fun activity that uses the actions of saying, touching, and moving to better understand philanthropic words that can become a real part of one’s life.

6. You as a Philanthropist

This important activity introduces participants to the definition of philanthropy. They discover philanthropic stories from local newspapers and websites and begin to increase their knowledge of the word and actions.

7. What We Have in Common

The activity can be used for two purposes: to have the participants begin to know one another, and to help explain the meaning of “the common good”.

8. Getting to Give

This activity helps young people see that they can generate treasure to use in philanthropic actions. It is an opportunity to practice philanthropy.

General Philanthropic Glossary

Advocacy: to speak in favor of a cause.

Common Good: when individuals and organizations make decisions based on the needs of the entire community; acting for the good of all.

Community Foundation: a tax-exempt organization with a long term goal of building permanent funds for the broad-based public benefit of residents in a specific geographic area.

Donation: to give to a fund or cause; contribute.

Endowment Fund: a fund established to provide income for the maintenance of a nonprofit organization.

Fundraising: raising money for an organization or cause.

Grant: an award of money to an organization or individual to undertake charitable activities.

Nonprofit Organization: an organization established for activities other than making money (profit), frequently called a “charitable” organization.

Personal Mission: a statement of a person’s beliefs and values and what one hopes to accomplish in a lifetime.

Philanthropy: thoughtful, intentional, and ongoing giving of one’s time, talent and treasure for the common good.

Philanthropist: a person who gives of his/her time, talent and treasure for the common good of the community.

Random Acts of Kindness: actions that demonstrate caring towards people who least expect it.

Serial Reciprocity: philanthropic acts that encourage more philanthropic acts.

Trustee/trusteeship: a member of a group of individuals who, on behalf of the general public, considers the needs of the entire community and seeks to serve the common good.

Volunteer: an individual who gives of their time and services of his/her own free will.