



## Lesson 17: Pocket Giving

# CHARITY RESEARCH CHALLENGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Using an Internet search engine, research three organizations or charities in your local community that would benefit from philanthropy. These may include religious programs, animal shelters, health programs, environmental preservation programs, or performing arts organizations. Think about what your interests are and how they would best align with an organization in need.

### RESEARCH TIPS

Use the websites below to start your charity search.

- **CharityNavigator.org**
- **GuideStar.org**
- **CharityWatch.org**

	1:	2:	3:
Website			
Type of charity or organization			
What is their central purpose or goal in helping others?			
What type of donation could they benefit from? Money, time, talent?			
How can I help?			
What ways could I donate to this cause?			

If you decide to donate to any of the charities you have researched, be sure to follow the Federal Trade Commission's Charity Checklist at [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity).



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# GIVING TREE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Using your research from the Charity Research Challenge activity, select one organization and fill in the giving tree below based on ways that you could share your time, talents, resources, money, and skills.

### REMEMBER TO ASK YOURSELF...

What am I good at? What talents do I have that I could use to benefit others?

What are ways in which I could use my time to help a cause?

Am I able to donate money? If so, how much money could I donate?

What are skills that I have that could benefit others?



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# PAY IT FORWARD

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Part of a strong financial plan is thinking through our actions today, tomorrow, and well into the future. To help you think through your charitable goals, write a list of ways you will “pay it forward” in your life both now and later.

Now	In 5 Years	In 20 Years
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		