

# Create Your Own Charity



## Lesson: Costs and Benefits of Charitable Giving

Giving to charity can be rewarding. Learning about charitable values can give students feelings of empowerment and belonging that many human beings crave. It is important to teach students that they are part of a larger community and they can make a positive impact.

### Objective

- Identify types of giving and charitable organizations
- Identify benefits of charitable giving and the impact it can have on the community

### Activity

1. Discuss different types of charitable giving, such as time, donations and money.
2. Discuss different types of charity/nonprofit organizations:
  - a. Education
  - b. Health
  - c. Arts and Culture
  - d. Faith and Religious
  - e. Animal and Environmental
3. Divide students into pairs. Have each pair create their own charity. Instruct students to identify the key components below to make the charity viable.

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| What is the name of the charity?  | Is it a nonprofit or profitable charity?  | What is the mission or purpose of the charity?   |
| Who does the charity benefit?<br>Who are the recipients?                                | What method of giving does the charity accept?<br>E.g.: goods, time, money, all of the above. | Are there any charities similar to your charity? What makes your charity worthy of donations over the other similar charities?<br>(What makes your charity special?) |
| Does your charity operate all year long?<br>Is your charity seasonal or circumstantial? | What positive impact will your charity make in your life and/or the community?                | How will the charity advertise or recruit donations or helpers?  |

4. Have students present to the class their charity and key components.  
(Optional: Each pair could create a poster of their charity.)