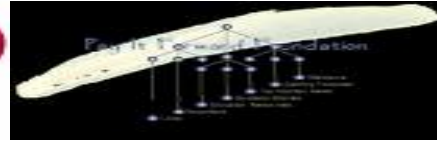


Pay It Forward:

<http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/>

<http://www.payitforwardmovement.org/>



Volunteer Indiana:

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/volunteer/>

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/volunteer/resources.html>

The Giving Game: www.givinggame.org

The League: www.leagueworldwide.org
www.learningtogive.org

The Center on Philanthropy at IU: <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/pas/keyfindings.html>

Corporation For National & Community Service: www.cns.gov

Learn & Serve America: www.learnandserve.gov

The National Service Learning Clearinghouse: www.servicelearning.org

Points of Light & Hands On Network: www.pointsoflight.org

Nat'l V'teer Week: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>

Hands On Network: <http://www.handsonnetwork.org/>

Global Youth Service Day: www.gysd.net



THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE® www.forbetterlife.org

The ABC's of Service Learning: www.tolerance.org

AmeriCorps: <http://americorps.gov/>

The President's Volunteer Service Award:

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

http://www.in.gov/ofbci/volunteer/pres_service_award.html



<http://renewal.typepad.com/philanthropy/>

Community Partnerships With Youth:



www.dosomething.org

<http://www.actsofkindness.org/download#here>



Some of the Best Reasons to Give

Some of the best reasons to give are the ones you may not have considered - the ones that make it worth your while to go that extra step. People who have contributed money to a charity report that they get back in satisfaction and joy more than they ever expend in inconvenience or effort - what you get back is immeasurable. You'll also receive these benefits:

- Giving helps keep taxes and other costs down.
- Giving returns to society some of the benefits society gives you.
- Giving lets those who have more, share with those who have less.
- Giving encourages more giving - you can set an example for others.

<http://www.channelone.com/life/power/2003/12/17/volunteering/>

www.volunteerresource.org

www.pointsoflight.org

www.payitforward.org

www.helpothers.org

www.actsofkindness.org



Tips for Giving Wisely: From: www.dontalmostgive.org

1. **Budget for giving.**
Plan your philanthropic activities right into your budget just as you would other financial obligations.
2. **Be an informed giver.**
Don't be afraid to ask questions when you're asked to give, including the specific name of the solicitor and his or her relationship to the organization, how much of your gift will be used for overhead, the specific project the money will go toward, and other important information.
3. **Keep the right records.**
For gifts of less than \$250, a canceled check or credit card statement is sufficient for IRS requirements. For larger gifts, you'll want to get a properly worded receipt from the charitable organization as a confirmation of your tax—deductible contribution.
4. **Be aware of how much is really tax deductible.**
If you receive a premium in exchange for your gift (such as a book or a dinner), the amount of your tax deduction is reduced by the fair market value of the premium. You can turn down the incentive item if you wish to claim a deduction for the full amount of your gift.
5. **Ask about matching gifts.**
Many employers match gifts made by their employees or make grants to organizations recommended by employees.
6. **Remember, your gift can be confidential.**
If you prefer to have your gift remain confidential, you should let the organization know. You can expect the charitable organization to honor your request.
7. **Consider alternative forms of giving.**
Don't overlook the benefits to you and your cause received from bequests, charitable gift annuities, gifts in kind, endowments and many other creative forms of giving.
8. **Volunteer!**
In addition to financial support, consider giving your time and skills.
9. **Don't forget you have the right to say no.**
Give generously when you can, but if you're unsure or feel uncomfortable don't be afraid to say no or, ask for more information and take more time to think before making your decision.
10. **Be a proactive giver!**
Plan a giving strategy in advance. Contact the charitable organizations of your choice to discuss how your gifts can be most effectively used and help make a difference in your community.

Source: Independent Sector –www.independentsector.org

OTHER RESOURCES:

Network for Good – www.networkforgood.org/donate

BBB's Wise Giving Alliance – www.give.org/tips/giving.asp

Charity Navigator – www.charitynavigator.org/

American Institute of Philanthropy - <http://www.charitywatch.org>

Some of the Best Reasons to Volunteer

Spending time helping others is one of the most selfless things you can do. But, you may be surprised to find out that you'll get more than you could ever expect from the experience. Whether it's a feeling of accomplishment or joy, there's no doubt that volunteering will affect you in a big way. You'll also receive these benefits:

- Volunteering makes you feel needed.
- Volunteering can lead to learning new skills.
- Volunteering can help you deal with some of your personal problems.
- Volunteering helps you meet new people and breaks down barriers of misunderstanding, mistrust and fear.
- Volunteering can create new contacts which may help your business or career.



Tips for Volunteering Wisely:

1. **Research the causes or issues important to you.**
Look for a group that works with issues about which you feel strongly. You might already be giving money to one of these organizations, and that might be a good place to begin your volunteer experience.
2. **Consider the skills you have to offer.**
This sort of position allows you to jump right into the work without having to take training to prepare for the assignment.
3. **Would you like to learn something new?**
Perhaps you would like to learn a new skill or gain exposure to a new situation. Consider seeking a volunteer opportunity where you'll learn something new.
4. **Combine your goals.**
Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you achieve your other goals for your life. For example, if you want to lose a few extra pounds, pick an active volunteer opportunity, such as cleaning a park or working with kids
5. **Don't over-commit your schedule.**
Make sure the volunteer hours you want to give fit into your hectic life, so that you don't frustrate your family, exhaust yourself, shortchange the organization you're trying to help or neglect your job.
6. **Nonprofits may have questions, too.**
If you contact an organization with an offer to volunteer your time, you may be asked to come in for an interview, fill out a volunteer application, or describe your qualifications and your background just as you would at an interview for a paying job.
7. **Consider volunteering as a family.**
When a family volunteers to work together at a nonprofit organization, the experience can bring them closer together, teach young children the value of giving their time and effort, introduce everyone in the family to skills and experiences never before encountered, and give the entire family a shared experience as a wonderful family memory.
8. **Virtual volunteering?**
Yes, there is such a thing! If you have computer access and the necessary skills, some organizations now offer the opportunity to do volunteer work using a home computer.
9. **I never thought of that!**
Many community groups are looking for volunteers, and some may not have occurred to you.
10. **Give voice to your heart through your giving and volunteering!**
Bring your heart and your sense of humor to your volunteer service, along with your enthusiastic spirit, which in itself is a priceless gift. What you'll get back will be immeasurable!

Source: Independent Sector –www.independentsector.org

OTHER RESOURCES:

Network for Good – www.networkforgood.org/volunteer
VolunteerMatch – www.volunteermatch.org/volunteers/gettingstarted/

Get Involved

EDUCATION

The road to success begins with a solid education. Children who are given the opportunity to learn will grow up to be our nation's next leaders, inventors and teachers. Be a stepping stone on a child's path to greatness by contributing.

HEALTH

Unfortunately, not all of us enjoy healthy and disease-free lives. Many Americans lack access to health care and face persistent health disparities. Whether its obesity, diabetes, AIDS, birth defects, cancer or mental health, you can make a difference.

SAFETY

It truly does come first. These organizations envision accident-free homes, respond to emergencies, and combat abuse.

HUNGER/HOMELESSNESS

It's not just shelters and soup kitchens, although they need your help, too. Here you'll find opportunities to build houses, feed schoolchildren, or address the root causes of hunger.

COMMUNITY

Communities are the backbone of America. Our neighborhoods, churches, and friends allow us to join together to collectively make a difference. Build and strengthen our communities.

DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster strikes, Americans always respond in selfless and incredible ways. By supporting a disaster relief organization, you're helping people rebuild their lives and you're keeping our country safe and strong.

ENVIRONMENT

Protecting our waters, forests, air, and wildlife has global importance that impacts every aspect of our lives. Invest in the future of the planet by supporting organizations that work to protect and preserve the environment.

CHILDREN

Nothing lights up a room like a child's smile. And nothing makes them smile more than when they are self-confident and strong.

SENIORS

Our nation's elderly are a precious resource. We need to honor them. To cherish them. To thank them. You can give back to the elderly by giving to these organizations that support them.

ANIMALS

Animals are essential to the balance and wonder of the world. They are our neighbors, our companions, our best friends. Offer your support to an organization that helps animals live in harmony with humans and nature. Or an organization that prevents cruelty, finds homes for homeless pets and protects our animal friends.

