

THE PHILANTHROPY TOOLKIT

An Introduction to Giving Effectively

THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY
EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY LEARNING INITIATIVE



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ACTIVITY

CONSIDER YOUR TIME, TALENT, & TIES

INSTRUCTIONS

Review the questions in Activity F to consider your interest in contributing your time, talent, and ties to a particular focus area. Jot down your thoughts.

CONSIDER YOUR INTEREST IN GENERAL VOLUNTEER

WORK BY ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS:

- Is there an issue you would like to learn about through firsthand experience?
- If you have an organization in mind, is that organization accepting volunteers? What responsibilities do volunteers have?
- Does the organization need volunteers with particular skills or experience? Do you have the skills or experience they need?
- What is the time commitment for volunteers at the organization? Are you able to commit your time?

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CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE YOUR INTEREST IN BOARD SERVICE:

- Do you have enough time for board service?

Serving as a board member requires more than attending meetings. You will often be expected to serve on one or more committees, read and understand financial documents, represent the organization at various events, and fundraise.

- Are you willing and able to meet fundraising expectations?

Board members are usually asked to make personal contributions as well as raise funds from their personal and professional networks. You may also be asked to network with potential donors on behalf of the organization.

- What skills or expertise do you offer the organization's board? Are your skills or expertise needed?

Board members offer a variety of skills and experience to assist with the overall functions of the board. How you can make a difference in the organization depends on the needs of the organization.

- How might you tap into your personal and professional networks to assist the organization in meeting its goals?

In addition to reaching out to friends and colleagues for fundraising parties or other special events, board members also often tap into their networks to seek advice and mobilize additional skillsets to assist an organization's special projects and initiatives. With the organizations and causes you are interested in, who in your network comes to mind and how might they be most helpful?



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