

THE PHILANTHROPY TOOLKIT

An Introduction to Giving Effectively

THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY
EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY LEARNING INITIATIVE



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WORKSHEET
NAVIGATING FAMILY DYNAMICS

INSTRUCTIONS
Invite each family member to go through Activity A and Activity B in Section 1: Finding Your Focus Areas, or Activity I in this section.

After each family member has gone through the values and issues exercises individually:

1. Identify shared values or points of alignment across the family.
2. Invite each family member to share why these values are meaningful to them. This process of personal sharing may help you find additional points of alignment and connection.
3. Similarly, identify points of alignment across issue areas. This may require you to think broadly.
Examples: If several family members are interested in charter schools while others are interested in affirmative action advocacy, you might identify education as a shared interest. If entrepreneurship is a shared interest, some family members may want to start a national social entrepreneurship fellowship for college students while other family members may want to support a nonprofit helping women from an under-resourced local community to start their own businesses.
4. Once again, have each family member share why those issues are particularly meaningful to them and discuss what resonates across the family.

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