

# THE PHILANTHROPY TOOLKIT

*An Introduction to Giving Effectively*

THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY LEARNING INITIATIVE



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ACTIVITY

REFLECT ON YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
YOUR TIME, TALENT, & TIES

INSTRUCTIONS

Review the questions in Activity P to reflect on the time and effort you have contributed to organizations over your past giving cycle. Also consider your responses about your time and talent in Activity F. Jot down your thoughts.

REFLECT ON YOUR GENERAL VOLUNTEER WORK BY  
ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS:

- Are you volunteering enough hours per month or year? Do you want to volunteer more?
- Do you feel you have been able to fulfill your volunteering commitments in a meaningful way?  
*If you feel the answer is no, consider how you can scale back your commitment without derailing the organization's work.*
- Do you want to continue volunteering for the same organizations?  
*Do you want to add volunteer work with new organizations, or identify different organizations to work with instead?*
- If you want to volunteer more, can you get more involved with organizations you already support? Do you need to find more organizations?

REFLECT ON YOUR BOARD SERVICE BY ANSWERING THESE  
QUESTIONS:

- How do you feel about your current board service? Are you providing value?  
*Could you contribute your time, talent, and professional or social ties in a more meaningful way?*
- If you want to join a new board, how can you find one that matches your interests and expertise?
- Do you need to leave any boards?  
*If you feel that the answer is yes, make sure to provide the organization with adequate notice and work with them to support the transition.*

