

# Give Until It Helps

## Dear Student,

In class, you have been learning about the role charities play in helping address problems in our society. You have also discovered how to evaluate organizations based on their mission, how well they deliver their services, and how well they manage their finances. Now expand your giving by inviting your family to participate.

### ACTIVITY

Talk to your family to identify a charity they support or would like to support. Why does this organization deserve your family's time, energy, and money? Then, after researching, evaluating, and approving a charity, come up with a donation plan.

**NAME OF CHARITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REASONS TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION:**

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Tip: Consider whether the charity's values are in line with yours, if the organization champions a cause you care about, and whether the charity is local and benefits your community.

**HOW WELL DOES IT DELIVER ITS SERVICES AND MANAGE ITS FUNDS?**

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Tip: Go to online charity evaluation sites to research details about your charity, including how it is structured and manages funds.

**ONCE YOU'VE VETTED THE CHARITY, COME UP WITH A DONATION PLAN AS A FAMILY.** What kind of donations (time and/or money) will you make, and when will you put the plan into action?

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Tip: Aim for realistic goals that the whole family can work toward (for example, 5–10 hours of volunteer time per month or a total donation of \$100). Post a schedule on the fridge of who's doing what and when.