

THE PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

A Guide For Educators



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The Philanthropy Project

is an interactive platform that offers a way for youth to deepen their understanding of issues they care about, gain valuable experience in planning and preparation, learn how to take purposeful action, and increase self-awareness and confidence by reflecting on and celebrating their efforts.

By supporting students as they engage in service and fundraising campaigns, and encouraging them to share the process and the outcomes, The Philanthropy Project helps students become inspired and generate new initiatives to address a range of issues and needs.

As a result, the idea of philanthropy { the love of humankind } becomes something we can all participate in.

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"Let's not underestimate the power
each of us has to change the world.
And let's not be afraid to try."



- Michelle Obama

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A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDERS:

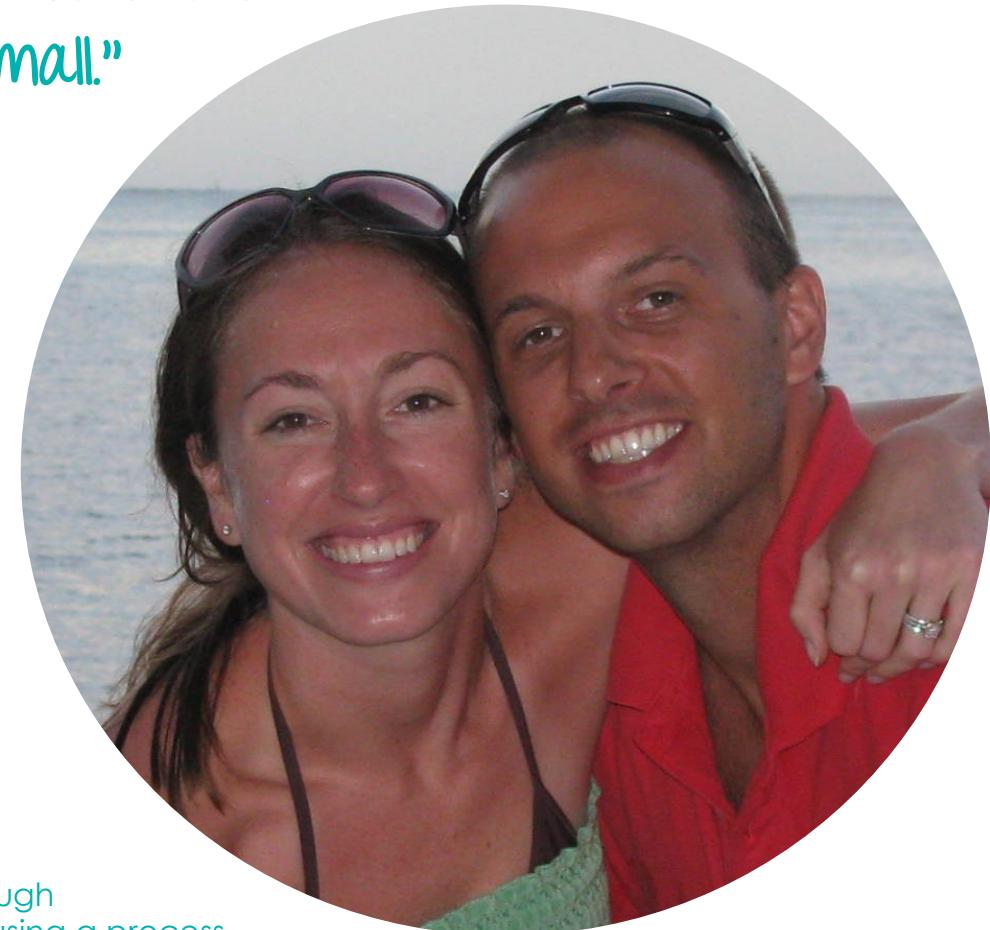
*"We all have the innate power to be extraordinary:
it simply takes a commitment to better ourselves
and our world in ways both big and small."*

This idea took on greater meaning for us once we became parents, because we suddenly felt a responsibility to nurture the concept of a "commitment to philanthropy" in our daughter, not just in ourselves. And so began the idea for The Philanthropy Project.

Building upon a strong foundation of best practices in service learning, we've created a platform to support communities who provide opportunities for young people to make meaningful contributions to bettering the world.

Thanks to technology, youth have the means to make authentic connections with people, locally and globally. Our platform harnesses this interconnectedness, creating an environment where youth across the world are united in their desire to make a positive impact. When we enable youth to identify a need or cause they care about and pitch in with their wide array of interests, skills, talents, and knowledge - a combination of heart and mind - the possibilities are astounding!

The Philanthropy Project aims to nurture this engagement through allowing youth to create their own philanthropic campaigns, using a process that encourages deep understanding, inquiry, collaboration, action, and reflection. We provide resources to youth in both the process of philanthropy and in telling their stories to the world. Through discovering what inspires them and sharing it with others, students will grow and change with The Philanthropy Project, and together we will change the world!



AN INTRODUCTION:

What is philanthropy?

What is philanthropy? In these complex times when young people aim for greater understanding of the world around them, the ideas inherent in philanthropy have significant meaning. Students of all ages want to be involved in their communities. They see the good around them and the challenges people face. They have concerns about the health of our planet. They want to contribute to our collective well-being and they want to do this now.

Through a series of experiences and opportunities, The Philanthropy Project Curriculum offers a way students can deepen understanding of issues they care about. Using the process of service learning, students participate in a reliable framework they can use again and again to transform ideas into action.

With this guide, students explore *Why Philanthropy Matters*, *Our Philanthropy Campaign*, and *What's Next?* Each section offers options for engaging experiences incorporating The Philanthropy Project platform, as well as extensive supplemental resources found on The Philanthropy Project website. By understanding the concept of philanthropy and following the five stages of service learning as they engage in various experiences, students will gain valuable skills and understand a replicable process to become advocates for causes they care about with tangible results.

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

- Gandhi



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