

## 12 Ways to Include Kids in a Family Giving Plan

### 1 START WITH THEIR INTERESTS

- Ask kids what they care about most (e.g., animals, the environment, helping other kids).
- Help them to research charities or causes related to their passions.

### 2 SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR THEIR GIVING

- Give kids a portion of the family giving budget to decide where to donate.
- Introduce a "give jar" as part of an allowance system (spend, save, give).

### 3 VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

- Choose family-friendly volunteering opportunities like serving meals, cleaning up parks, or helping at animal shelters.
- Let kids take on age-appropriate tasks during volunteer activities.

### 4 CREATE A FAMILY GIVING TRADITION

- Involve kids in selecting a charity or project during the holidays, on birthdays, or at the start of the school year.
- Host an annual "family giving night" to review and choose where to give.

### 5 USE EVERYDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- BACK:
- Donate gently used clothes, toys, or books and let kids help decide where they go.
  - Bake treats or create care packages for neighbors, first responders, or those in need.

### 6 TEACH THROUGH HANDS-ON PROJECTS

- Host a lemonade stand, bake sale, or craft fair and let kids donate the proceeds to a cause.
- Create cards or artwork to accompany donations to shelters, hospitals, or senior centers.

### 7 INCLUDE PHILANTHROPY INTO LEARNING

- Share stories of inspiring philanthropists or community leaders.
- Read books about giving and kindness (e.g., [The Giving Tree](#) or [Those Shoes](#)).

### 8 VISIT AND LEARN ABOUT CHARITIES

- Take kids on a tour of local nonprofits to see how donations are used.
- Encourage them to ask questions and meet the people they are helping.

### 9 CELEBRATE ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Keep a family kindness journal to track giving activities and reflect on their impact.
- Recognize and celebrate kids' contributions to family giving decisions.

### 10 ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY IN GIVING

- Let kids brainstorm unique ways to give back, such as hosting a toy drive or planting a garden to donate produce.
- Support their ideas with resources and guidance.

### 11 PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Attend fundraising events, charity walks, or donation drives as a family.
- Let kids take an active role, such as registering participants or handing out flyers.

### 12 SET AN EXAMPLE

- Share your own giving decisions and why you chose specific causes.
- Let kids see you actively giving your time, money, and resources.