ways to start a family giving tradition



Gathering the family together for holidays provides the perfect opportunity to embrace your shared values and start a new tradition of giving.

1 Share your giving stories and commit to action

Carve out time in your gathering for family members to share a cause or social issue they care about and ways they'd like to support that cause in the next year.

2 Create a charity "registry"

Ask family members to sign up to bring an item from a favorite nonprofit's wish list—and if possible, arrange a time to deliver the items together.

3 Socialize over a service project

After your meal, complete an at-home service project together such as packaging up care kits for cancer patients, gift-wrapping presents for a family in need, or writing letters to deployed military troops.

Volunteer as a group

Sign up to help out a favorite charity in the morning and then discuss the experience in the afternoon.

Give together

Choose a charity or charities together for your family to support—you can even ask family members to nominate an organization and come to the holiday get-together prepared to make a case for supporting that charity. You can select the charities as a family in a variety of ways: voting, drawing straws, or rotating who gets to make the choice each year.

Tip

Setting up a family donor-advised fund or dedicated account to provide support for charities can help provide structure for a strong family giving tradition during the holidays and through the year.

Find more resources to support your family's giving: https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/family-philanthropy.html

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