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.

4. **Volunteer as a group**

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

5. **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.

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**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.

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Find more resources to support your family’s giving:  