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# Create Your Personal Giving Plan: Getting Started

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To create a giving plan, first [clarify your values](#) and then align your values with your strategies and your resources. The outline below, including some questions to ask yourself, will help you get started.

## Why Do You Want to Give?

- What's the most meaningful gift you've ever made and why was it meaningful to you?
- How did you first learn about giving?
- How have you seen generosity transform your life or someone else's life?

## What Do You Want to Support?

- What do you think are the most pressing issues right now that you wish you could solve?
- What organizations and/or organizational leaders do you admire and why?
- What do you want to be remembered for?

## With Whom, If Anyone, Do You Want to Give?

- Do you have family members you want to involve in your giving?
- Do you like the idea of joining with other donors who share your passion(s)?

## How Long Do You Want Your Giving to Last?

- Are you more interested in making an immediate impact with your giving or creating a legacy gift that will last "forever," or do you like both types of giving?
- If you want to create a legacy gift, is there a person or institution you would trust to carry on your giving when you are no longer able to?

## How Can You Give?

- Ways to give include writing a check, joining a pooled giving fund around a topic of mutual interest, creating a charitable plan in your will, using your IRA for charitable purposes, or establishing a Donor Advised Fund. Which of these might be options for you now and/or later?

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