

More Philanthropy Quotes (compiled by ProNet in the United States)

"When I grow up, I want to become a philanthropist!" His mother replied, "Why Johnny, that's wonderful." "Yeah," Johnny responded, "they all seem to have a lot of money."

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. --Winston S. Churchill

“Common wisdom states that in order to build community, you must first resolve your conflicts. I believe the reverse is more accurate: that in order to resolve your conflicts you must first build community.”
-----M. Scott Peck

"You take nothing with you that you gained-- Only what you gave away" Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Barbara Bush once said that, “Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.”

We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give.

Albert Pine: What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not. (From *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss)

William James once said, “The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”

Abraham Lincoln once said, “When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad. That’s my religion.”

Over one hundred years ago Elizabeth Barrett Browning recommended we “Light tomorrow with today!”

Andrew Carnegie once wrote, “Wealth is not to feed our egos, but to feed the hungry and to help people help themselves.”

Henry David Thoreau once wrote, “If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them.”

In speaking of Mother Teresa, Robert Fulghum wrote "... hers is the invincible weapon against the evils of this earth; the caring heart. And hers are the everlasting riches of this life; the wealth of the compassionate spirit."

Marianne Williamson has been quoted as saying, "In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it."

Anne Frank: How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment; we can start now , start slowly changing the world.

George Bernard Shaw: I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

Winston Churchill: The price of greatness is responsibility.

Margaret Mead was once quoted as saying, " Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." .

Dag Hammarskjöld: Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back.

Sarah Bernhardt: Life begets life. Energy becomes energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.

Albert Einstein: It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.

The world is moving so fast these days that the one who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Thich Nhat Hanh: When the rain of compassion falls, even a desert becomes an immense green ocean.

I cannot allow myself to be insensitive to the wrongs and sufferings of any part of the great family of man. Frederick Douglass

We must use time creatively...and forever realize that the time is always right to do right. MLK

Marion Wright Edelman once said, "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

Marie Curie: One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. Albert Schweitzer

Thomas Carlyle
Not what I have but what I do is my kingdom.

Thoreau-
I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of a man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor.

Zora Neale Hurston, *Dust Tracks on a Road*, 1942:

"Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to 'jump at de sun.' We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground."

Rev. Cecil Williams

So many people say they want to save the world. Just try your block, will you?

The future belongs to those that believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Confucius:

"To be able under all circumstances to practice five things constitutes perfect virtue; these five things are gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness and kindness."

It has been said that " The great dividing line between success and failure can be expressed in five words: I did not have time."

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Thank you for the good that you do for our community through your charitable endeavors.

Evangeline Booth has been quoted as saying, "It is not how many years we live, but what we do with them. It is not what we receive, but what we give to others." Thank you for what you give to our community through your charitable endeavors.

" The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men (and women) who can dream of things that never were." We believe these words by John F. Kennedy describe you and the difference you are making in our community through your charitable endeavors.

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

"To achieve greatness: start where you are, use what you have, do what you can." Arthur Ashe

Pablo Casals once said, "The capacity to care is the thing that gives life its deepest meaning and significance."

Walt Disney: If you can dream it, you can do it.

George Eliot: Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.

"Life is not a 'brief candle,'" Bernard Shaw wrote. "It is a splendid torch that I want to make burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

Jane Fonda said, "The only thing worthwhile in life is to do everything you can to make things better. Sure, people should laugh and celebrate. But what is there to celebrate if you're not achieving things?"

C.F. Kettering said, "We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there."

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively."

My father once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there is much less competition there. INDIRA GANDHI.

Grandma Moses said, "Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be."

The most ability is responsibility. Nothing happens until someone steps forward and says, "You can count on me." John Maxwell

Virginia Woolf wrote, "Masterpieces are not single and solitary births; they are the outcome of many years of thinking in common, of thinking by the body of the people, so that the experience of the mass is behind the single voice." Thank you for working with us to create a masterpiece in our community.

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. My fathers planted for me before I arrived, so I plant for those who come after me." Talmud

All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. DANNY THOMAS.

"Neither fire nor wind, birth nor death can erase our good deeds." Buddha

John F. Kennedy: There are costs and risks to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

Great Beauty, great strength, and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all. Benjamin Franklin

T. E. Lawrence: "All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible."

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant. Robert Louis Stevenson

"When you stop giving and offering something to the rest of the world, it's time to turn out the lights." -- George Burns

At first, dreams seem impossible, then improbable, and eventually inevitable. Christopher Reeves

"Effective people are not problem-minded; they're opportunity-minded. They feed opportunities and starve problems." -- Stephen Covey

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. Booker T. Washington

I am convinced that human nature is basically gentle, not aggressive. And every one of us has the responsibility to act as if all our thoughts, words and deeds matter. For, really, they do. The Dalai Lama, 01/01/2000

Napoleon Hill: "Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate accomplishments." Thank you for envisioning our community as it could be, and working to make that vision an accomplishment.

"A decision is made with the brain. A commitment is made with the heart. Therefore, a commitment is much deeper and more binding than a decision."
-- Nido Qubein

"How different our lives are when we really know what is deeply important to us, and keeping that picture in mind, we manage ourselves each day to be and to do what really matters most." -- Stephen Covey

"I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people convinced that they are about to change the world. I am more awed by ... those who ... struggle to make one small difference after another." -- Ellen Goodman

Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good. William Penn

We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results. Herman Melville

It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Philanthropy is the practice of applying assets of knowledge, passion and wealth to bring about constructive change." Peter Goldmark, Rockefeller Foundation, 1998

To give away money is an easy matter and any mans power. But to decide to whom to give it and how much and when, for what purpose and how, is neither in every man power, nor an easy matter. Aristotle, 384 B.C.-322 B.C.

A mans true wealth is the good he does in this world. Mohammed (570-632)

With every deed you are sowing a seed, Though the harvest you may not see.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1855-1919

You see things; and you say, "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say, "Why not?" George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Intellectual and material gifts bring the privilege and responsibility of sharing with others less fortunate.
Marian Wright Edelman (1940-)

We should place a greater value on what we contribute to society rather than on what we accumulate.
Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (1933-)

Americans are always willing to help those worse off than themselves. Daniel Langan (1935-)

What you do for yourself is fleeting and dies with you. What you do for others has unending benefit and is eternal. Jerold Panas (1928-)

The proper aim of giving is to put the recipients in a state where they no longer need our gifts. C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

Awaken the philanthropist within. -- Carol Pearson (1944-)

Generosity should be a matter of discretion, not of impulse. Ernest Bourner Allen (1868-1931)

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members.
Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973)

One generation plants the trees...Another gets the shade. Chinese Proverb

When wealth is centralized, the people are dispersed. When wealth is distributed, the people are brought together. Confucius (551-479 BC)

The value of a man should be in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive. Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

No one has ever become poor by giving. -- Anne Frank (1929-1945)

True giving is done without the slightest trace of expecting to receive.
Alice R. Pratt

Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, its the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in, unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. Theodore Roosevelt

The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. Dorothy Day

Apart from the ballot box, philanthropy presents the one opportunity the individual has to express his meaningful choice over the direction in which our society will progress. George G. Kirstein (1909-1986)

It's such a joy to give money away and it's such a privilege, and it's even more than a privilege – it's an absolute duty in life. Jon Huntsman. Huntsman Corp., Huntsman Cancer Institute as quoted in the Albuquerque Journal 9/20/99
He invented the Styrofoam egg carton!

The Foundation offers the promise of enlightened leadership, faithful administration, and constant striving toward the common objective of enriching lives.

The Foundation encourages donors of ample or modest means to make their charitable dreams become realities.

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much. Erich Fromm

As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled. Victor Hugo

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. Samuel Johnson

Charity sees the need, not the cause. German Proverb

Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven. Henry Ward Beecher

If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives. Robert South

"Remember the poor -- it costs nothing " Mark Twain

"Bounty always receives part of its value from the manner in which it is bestowed." Samuel, Johnson

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, thy God, which he hath given thee." Deuteronomy 16:17

"Charity is injurious unless it allows the recipient to become independent." John D. Rockefeller

I am larger, better than I thought, I did not know I held so much goodness. Walt Whitman

When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another. Helen Keller

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness. Seneca

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

The challenge lies in creating vehicles that enable diverse individuals? To make a mark that lasts, to make ourselves count. Bill Shore

The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it. William James

What is the use of living, if it not to be to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better pace for those who will live in it after we are gone? Sir Winston Churchill

People want their lives to have made a difference. Philanthropic giving is a means to that end. Sheree Parris Nudd

Seek always to do some good somewhere. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Albert Schweitzer

The monument of a great man is not of granite of marble or bronze. It consists of his goodness, his deeds, his love and his compassion. Alfred A. Montapert

I still believe that people are good at heart. Anne Frank

There are glimpses of heaven to us in every act, or thought, or word that raises us above ourselves. Arthur P. Stanley

I have others if you need them, I am just running out of time right now. Let me know if you would like me to send more.

Thanks for sharing your list. I hope others reply. Here are my contributions:

"Philanthropy is almost the only virtue that is sufficiently appreciated by mankind." Henry David Thoreau

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

"Philanthropy is one of the most hopeful characteristics of our time." Mary Livermore (1820-1905)

"When a person plants a tree under which she will never sit, you know that civilization has come to that land." anonymous

"To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it and how much and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power - nor an easy matter. Hence it is that such excellence is rare, praiseworthy and noble." Aristotle

"We think of a philanthropist as someone who donates big sums of money, yet the word literally means 'love of humankind'. All of us are capable of being philanthropists." Edward Lindsay

"What the heart gives away is never lost because it stays in the hearts of others." David Lam, former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

"Charitable foundations are going to be the BMWs of the nineties." Silicon Valley futurist Paul Saffo believes charitable giving will become the status symbol among computer entrepreneurs.

"I'm not important. It's what I'm doing that's important. I could die tomorrow, but I want what I'm doing to live on. That's helping people." Marsha Johnson

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." Wayne Gretzky

“The way to universal things is through local things.” Graham Swift

“You may not be able to help the whole world, but you can make a difference in your own community.”
Elizabeth P. Carter

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” Anne Frank

“In the final analysis, only people are important, only people make things happen.” Russell G. Mawby

“In faith and hope the world will disagree but all mankind’s concern is charity.” Alexander Pope

“Better put a strong fence at the top of a cliff than an ambulance down in the valley.” Joseph Mallins

" 'Tis not enough to help the feeble up but to support him after." Shakespeare

"Anticipate charity by preventing poverty; assist the reduced fellow man, either by a considerable gift or a sum of money or by teaching him a trade or by putting him in the way of business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity. This is the highest step and summit of charity's golden ladder." Maimonides (1135-1204)

"Governments and business are increasingly turning to charities to take up some of the biggest challenges of the 21st century, including job creation, redistributive social welfare and building a sense of community.

"Activities promoted by the voluntary sector build social capital. Business cannot prosper where basic health and social services are not assured, where the arts do not flourish, where children cannot play, where neighbours do not speak, and where you cannot safely walk the streets.

"Just as we are willing, as a state and as individuals, to invest in traditional infrastructure like roads and sewers, so we should be willing to make a commitment to organizations that uphold our values of compassion, social justice and generosity, organizations that put people first." Andre Picard, A Call to Alms: The New Face of Charities in Canada

"Community foundations are generous, creative and community minded. There is something essential about a community itself saying: 'This is what matters. This is how we want to enhance our quality of life.' In many ways we provide the venture capital for those desires and dreams." Monica Patten, President, Community Foundations of Canada

And a number of quotes from Lucius Anneaus Seneca (4 BC):

"What is given in a haphazard and thoughtless manner will be prized by no one."

"Give generously but not indiscriminately. Select carefully those worthy to receive your gifts."

"If for some reason a recipient is ashamed to need my help, then I do not put my good deed into the gazette. We must add to our generosity every possible kindness."

"In charity, there is no excess." Sir Francis Bacon

"Deeds of giving are the very foundations of the world." The Torah

"Something that has puzzled me all my life is why, when I am in special need of help, the good deed is usually done by somebody on whom I have no claim." William Feather

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." John F. Kennedy

"Education, a debt due from the present to future generations." George Peabody (1869)

It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted. *Aeschylus*

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. *Aesop*

Wealth unused might as well not exist. *Aesop*

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desire but according to our powers. *Henri Amiel*

A philanthropist is a generous man whose relatives hate him. *Anonymous*

Ability is a poor man's wealth. *Anonymous*

Appeal for funds: Sermon on the Amount. *Anonymous*

Be more charitable: don't follow the path of the least assistance. *Anonymous*

Diamonds are pieces of coal that stuck to their jobs. *Anonymous*

If you are not generous with a meager income you will never be generous with abundance. *Anonymous*

If you are not poor enough to take charity, you are rich enough to give it. *Anonymous*.

If you want to be rich, give; if you want to be poor, grasp; if you want abundance, scatter; if you want to be needy, hoard! *Anonymous*

If you want to know what God thinks of money, look at the people he gives it to. *Anonymous*

It doesn't take very long to give until it hurts. *Anonymous*

Philanthropy eases the conscience of the rich more often that it eases the condition of the poor. *Anonymous*

Philanthropy is based on the principle that it's better to give than to receive – as long as it's tax deductible. *Anonymous*

Plenty of people are willing to give God credit, yet few are willing to give him cash. *Anonymous*

Tell me and I'll forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand. *Anonymous*

The difference between charity and philanthropy is that charity can't afford a press agent. *Anonymous*

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from the grouch. *Anonymous*

The world is full of two kinds of people, the givers and the takers. The takers eat well – but the givers sleep well. *Anonymous*

We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the dark to our success. *Anonymous*

When gold argues the cause, eloquence is impotent. *Anonymous*

When others are in need, we are all rich enough to be philanthropists. *Anonymous*

To give away money ... is an easy matter, but to decide to whom to give it and how much and when, for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter. *Aristotle*

Those who lose dreaming are lost. *Australian Proverb*

Charity begins at home but should not end there. *Francis Bacon*

In charity, there is no excess. *Francis Bacon*

Money is like muck – not good unless it is spread. *Francis Bacon*

Seek not proud riches, but such as those you mayest get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly. *Francis Bacon*

Never respect men merely for their riches, but rather for their philanthropy; we do not value the sun for its height, but for its use. *Gamaliel Bailey*

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. *Charlse Beard*

Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays her eggs and then cackles. *Henry Ward Beecher*

In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up that makes us rich. *Henry Ward Beecher*

The progress of the world will call for the best that all of us have to give. *Mary McLeod Bethune*

To enjoy a good reputation give publicly, and steal privately. *Josh Billings*

Where there is no vision, the people perish. *Book of Proverb*

A man there was, tho' some did count him mad / The more he cast away, the more he had. *John Bunyan, preacher (1628-1688) [Pilgrim's Progress]*

When you have told anyone you have left him a legacy, the only decent thing to do is to die at once.
Samuel Butler

Too many people have decided to do without generosity in order to practice charity. *Albert Camus*

Men do less than they ought, unless they do all that they can. *Thomas Carlyle*

It requires the exercise of not less ability than that which acquires it, to use wealth so as to be really beneficial to the community. *Andrew Carnegie*

Public sentiment will come to be, that the man who dies rich dies disgraced. *Andrew Carnegie*

All that matters is what we do for each other. *Lewis Carroll*

I would rather have men ask, after I am dead, why I have no monument than why I have one. *Cato the Elder*

He who gives early gives twice. *Cervantes*

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. *Chinese Proverb*

Only the rich have distant relatives. *Chinese Proverb*

If you plan for a year, plant a seed. If for ten years, plant a tree. If for a hundred years, teach the people. When you sow a seed once, you will reap a single harvest. When you teach the people, you will reap a hundred harvests.
Kuan Chung

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. *Winston Churchill*

Men resemble the gods in nothing so much as in doing good to their fellow creatures. *Cicero*

Minds do not act together in public; they simply stick together; and when their private activities are resumed, they fly apart again. *Frank Moore Colby*

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out. *James Bryant Conant*

He who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own. *Confucius*

If I am virtuous and worthy, for whom should I not maintain a proper concern? *Confucius*

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave. *Calvin Coolidge*

Applause is the spur of noble minds, the end and aim of weak ones. *Charles Caleb Cotton*

Riches may enable us to confer favours, but to confer them with propriety and grace requires something that riches cannot give. *Charles Caleb Cotton*

The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that is difficult. *Marquise du Deffand*

Charity begins at home and justice begins next door. *Charles Dickens*

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of others. *Charles Dickens*

The secret of success is constancy of purpose. *Benjamin Disraeli*

The rich have no more of the kingdom of heaven than they have purchased of the poor by their alms. *John Donne*

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.
Albert Einstein

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving. *George Elliot*

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds. *George Elliot*

A philanthropist is a man who gives away what he should be giving back. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Let our affection flow out to our fellows; it would operate in a day the greatest of all revolutions. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Take egotism out, and you would castrate the benefactor. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The only gift is a portion of thyself. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

A full cup must be carried steadily. *English Proverb*

Many things are lost for want of asking. *English Proverb*

The hand that gives, gathers. *English Proverb*

A great board is not a gift but a victory. *Bill Field (source?)*

Riches without charity are nothing worth. They are a blessing only to him who makes them a blessing to others. *Henry Fielding*

When I'm not thanked at all, I'm thanked enough. I've done my duty, and I've done no more. *Henry Fielding*

America is a willingness of the heart. *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

The highest use of capital is not to make more money but to make money do more for the betterment of life. *Henry Ford*

It is by acts and not by ideas that people live. *Anatole France*

No one is so generous as he who has nothing to give. *French Proverb*

You have to step backward, the better to jump forward. *French Proverb*

Giving is the highest expression of potency. *Erich Fromm*

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much. *Erich Fromm*

A gift, with a kind countenance, is double the present. *Thomas Fuller*

Charity begins at home but should not end there. *Thomas Fuller*

He that gives to be seen would never relieve a man in the dark. *Thomas Fuller*

He whose belly is full believes not him whose is empty. *Thomas Fuller*

Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything. *John K. Galbraith*

Virtually every significant social idea of the past century in this country has been nurtured in the nonprofit sector. *John W. Gardner*

Avarice hoards itself poor; charity gives itself rich. *German Proverb*

Charity looks at the need and not at the cause. *German Proverb*

When the giver comes, the gate opens by itself. *German Proverb*

All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance. *Edward Gibbon*

Generosity is not in giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is in giving me that which you need more than I do. *Kahlil Gibran*

It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding. *Kahlil Gibran*

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. *Goethe*

Know how to ask. There is nothing more difficult for some people nor, for others, easier. *Baltasar Gracian*

What was the least expected is the more highly esteemed. *Baltasar Gracian*

Act quickly, think slowly. *Greek Proverb*

You have not done enough, you have never done enough, so long as it is still possible that you have something to contribute. *Dag Hammarskjold*

Many peanuts make a bag full. *Hattie Harris*

The manner of giving shows the character of the giver, more than the gift itself. *Johann Havater*

Generosity is the flower of justice. *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

A benefactor always has something of a creditor about him. *Fredrich Hebbel*

The truth is, you leave this world with nothing. What you are is a temporary administrator, and you must administer well... the wealth in your care, and generate more. The surplus can be used to do many things for people. *Carlos Slim Helú*

Help thy brother's boat across and lo! thine own has reached the shore. *Hindu Proverb*

Money spent on ourselves may be a millstone about the neck; spent on others it may give us wings like eagles. *Hoswell Hitchcock*

There is sublime thieving in all giving. Someone gives us all he has and we are his. *Eric Hoffer*

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

He belongs to so many benevolent societies that he is destitute. *Edgar Howe*

No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come. *Victor Hugo*

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it. *William James*

Charity looks at the need and not at the cause. *Jewish Proverb*

What you give for the cause of charity in health is gold; what you give in sickness is silver; what you give after death is lead. *Jewish Proverb*

With money in your pocket, you are wise, and you are handsome, and you sing well too. *Jewish Proverb*

A decent provision for the poor is the true test of civilization. *Samuel Johnson*

Bounty always receives part of its value from the manner in which it is bestowed. *Samuel Johnson*

Go into the street, and give one man a lecture on morality, and another a shilling, and see which will respect you most. *Samuel Johnson*

Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must be first overcome. *Samuel Johnson*

When desperate ills demand a speedy cure, distrust is cowardice, and prudence folly. *Samuel Johnson*

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money. *John Jowett*

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy cause. *Helen Keller*

True giving knows no season. *Florence E. King*

To lead the people, walk behind them. *Lao-tzu*

Do not measure another's coat on your body. *Latin Proverb*

It is easy to be generous with other people's money. *Latin Proverb*

No good thing has been, or can be enjoyed by us, without having first cost labour. *Abraham Lincoln*

A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog. *Jack London*

We often excuse our own want of philanthropy by giving the name of fanaticism to the more ardent zeal of others. *Longfellow*

Be ashamed to die unless you have won some victory for humanity. *Horace Mann*

Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride and fear. *Horace Mann*

To pity distress is but human; to relive it is Godlike. *Horace Mann*

We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results. *Herman Melville*

If it is more blessed to give than to receive then most of us are content to let the other fellow have the greater blessing. *Shailer Mathews*

Giving money is a very good criterion, in a way, of a person's mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill people. *Karl Menninger*

The virtue lies in the struggle, not in the prize. *Rich Monckton Milnes*

It is not good enough to do good; one must do it in the right way. *John Morley*

He who cannot give anything away cannot feel anything either. *Nietzsche*

Friends tie their purse with a cobweb thread. *Old Adage*

He who advocates must first bequeath. *Old Adage*

Make ye no little plans, for they have no power to move men's minds. *Old Adage*

Charity that is always beginning at home stays there. *Austin O'Malley*

After many years experience, I have come to learn that the present moment, whatever it may be, is never a good one for raising money. *Prince Philip*

We are surrounded by insurmountable opportunities. *Pogo*

Let us ... expatiate free o'er all this scene of man; A mighty maze! but not without a plan. *Alexander Pope*

Lots of people think they're charitable if they give away their old clothes and things they don't want. *Myrtle Reed*

Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations. *Jean Paul Richter*

Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it. *John D. Rockefeller*

We all desire to see the widest possible distribution of the blessings of life. *John D. Rockefeller*

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground. *Teddy Roosevelt*

Suspicion of one's motives is especially necessary for the philanthropist and the executive. *Bertrand Russell*

He gives only the worthless gold who gives from a sense of duty. *James Russell*

If you chase two hares, you won't catch either one of them. *Russian Proverb*

To ask is no sin and to be refused is no calamity. *Russian Proverb*

When money speaks, the truth keeps silent. *Russian Proverb*

The dignity of the individual demands that he not be reduced to vassalage by the largess of others. *Saint-Exupery*

There is no growth except in the fulfillment of obligations. *Saint-Exupery*

The loftiest edifices need the deepest foundations. *George Santayana*

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. *Carl Schurz*

One thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. *Albert Schweitzer*

We build statues of snow, and weep to see them melt. *Sir Walter Scott*

Give light and the people will find their own way. *Scripps-Howard Newspapers, Motto*

So long as we live among men, let us cherish humanity. *Seneca*

The profit on a good action is to have done it. *Seneca*

The spirit in which a thing is given determines that in which the debt is acknowledged; it's the intention, not the face-value of the gift, that's weighed. *Seneca*

We should give as we should receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers. *Seneca*

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind. *Shakespeare*

Lack of money is the root of all evil. *George Bernard Shaw*

Make money; and the whole nation will conspire to call you a gentleman. *George Barnard Shaw*

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week. *Spanish Proverb*

If a man is willing to give, the value of his gift is in its proportion to what he has. *St. Paul*

A favour well bestowed is almost as great an honour to him who confers it as to him who receives it.
Richard Steele

God looks at clean hands, not the full ones. *Publilius Syrus*

When you give, take to yourself no credit for generosity, unless you deny yourself something in order that you may give. *Sir Henry Taylor*

Few of us can stand prosperity. Another man's, I mean. *Mark Twain*

I'm opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.
Mark Twain

I wish to become rich, so that I can instruct the people and glorify honest poverty a little, like those kind-hearted, fat, benevolent people do. *Mark Twain*

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great. *Mark Twain*

Generosity gives assistance, rather than advice. *Vauvenargues*

Fortune sides with him who dares. *Virgil*

One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune. *Lew Wallace*

It is one of the beautiful compensations of the life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. *Charles Dudley Warner*

... the most useful and influential people in [America] are those who take the deepest interest in institutions that exist for the purpose of making the world better. *Booker T. Washington*

Charity uncovers a multitude of sins. *Carolyn Wells*

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can. *John Wesley*

When I give, I give myself ... *Walt Whitman*

There is no cause half so sacred as the cause of a people. There is no idea so uplifting as the idea of the service of humanity. *Woodrow Wilson*

Give all thou canst; high Heaven rejects the nicely-calculated less or more. *William Wordsworth*

That best portion of a good man's life: His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love. *William Wordsworth*

If charity cost no money and benevolence caused no heartache, the world would be full of philanthropists. *Yiddish Proverb*

A man there was, tho' some did count him mad / The more he cast away, the more he had. *John Bunyan*, preacher (1628-1688) [Pilgrim's Progress]

There are those who give with joy, and joy is their reward. *Khalil Gibran* (1883-1931)

A statesman gains little by the arbitrary exercise of ironclad authority upon all occasions that offer, for this wounds the just pride of his subordinates, and thus tends to undermine his strength. A little concession, now and then, where it can do no harm is the wiser policy. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*

Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air. *John Quincy Adams*

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present. *Albert Camus*

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Aim high! It is no harder on your gun to shoot the feathers off an eagle than to shoot the fur off a skunk. *Troy Moore*

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To give away money is an easy matter and any mans power. But to decide to whom to give it and how much and when, for what purpose and how, is neither in every man power, nor an easy matter. Aristotle, 384 B.C.-322 B.C.

A mans true wealth is the good he does in this world. Mohammed (570-632)

With every deed you are sowing a seed, Though the harvest you may not see.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1855-1919

You see things; and you say, “Why?” But I dream things that never were; and I say, “Why not?” George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Intellectual and material gifts bring the privilege and responsibility of sharing with others less fortunate. Marian Wright Edelman (1940-)

Americans are always willing to help those worse off than themselves.
Daniel Langan (1935-)

What you do for yourself is fleeting and dies with you. What you do for others has unending benefit and is eternal. Jerold Panas (1928-)

The proper aim of giving is to put the recipients in a state where they no longer need our gifts. C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

Awaken the philanthropist within. -- Carol Pearson (1944-)

Generosity should be a matter of discretion, not of impulse. Ernest Bourner Allen (1868-1931)

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members. Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973)

When wealth is centralized, the people are dispersed. When wealth is distributed, the people are brought together. Confucius (551-479 BC)

The value of a man should be in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive. Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

No one has ever become poor by giving. -- Anne Frank (1929-1945)

True giving is done without the slightest trace of expecting to receive. Alice R. Pratt

Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. Dorothy Day

Apart from the ballot box, philanthropy presents the one opportunity the individual has to express his meaningful choice over the direction in which our society will progress. George G. Kirstein (1909-1986)
