

## Introduction to Philanthropy Units

GenerationOn has units for each grade level (K-12) to help you introduce the concept of philanthropy to your students. These lessons introduce a common language of giving and service and help youth understand why civic responsibility is an important part of our society.



*"I believe that learning must be connected to real life if it is to have meaning for students. [I want to] set my students on a path to caring for others and the environment so that they may grow to lead responsible, productive lives." --elementary teacher, Michigan*

**Note:** The following three-lesson units are designed to prepare students for service but do not include a service-learning project. Although there is one grade level designated, each unit is correlated to academic standards for three or four grade levels.

- Kindergarten: [We Can All Do Our Share](#)
- First Grade: [Living in a Community](#)
- Second Grade: [Our Land](#)
- Third Grade: [Philanthropy Is Everywhere](#)
- Fourth Grade: [Community Philanthropy](#)
- Fifth Grade: [Our Philanthropic Tradition](#)
- Sixth Grade: [A Call to Action](#)
- Seventh Grade: [Philanthropy—You and Your World](#)
- Eighth Grade: [The Power to Make a Difference](#)
- Ninth Grade: [Philanthropists in Our Midst](#)
- Tenth Grade: [The New Philanthropy—A Hands-On Way of Giving](#)
- Eleventh Grade: [Sports Legends and Philanthropy—Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe and Jackie Joyner-Kersey](#)
- Twelfth Grade: [Launching Your Ship with Citizenship](#)

### Blue Sky Activity

Guide students in identifying issues they care about and envisioning a better world.

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Teaching philanthropy (private citizen action for the common good) is central to the mission of schools and critical to the survival of our democracy. We teach students that they are part of something bigger than themselves. They learn why citizens contribute to the greater good and why students have the same responsibility.

*"Schools are communities in which young people learn to interact, argue, and work together with others, an important condition for future citizenship." --The Civic Mission of Schools.*

[http://www.civicmissionofschoools.org/public\\_html/CivicMissionofSchools.pdf](http://www.civicmissionofschoools.org/public_html/CivicMissionofSchools.pdf)

Our generationOn students learn through their action that they are truly assets to the community. They have time, talent, or treasure to give to the community that is valued and needed.