



Charity Selection Worksheet

When determining a charity you would like to nominate for 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun, consider the following questions, inspirations and suggestions.

Make it personal

- Have you or someone you care about been diagnosed with a challenging medical condition? (i.e., Cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Kidney Disease, etc.)
- What creates a spark of passion or speaks to your heart? (i.e., Animals, At-Risk Youth, The Arts, Homelessness, Veterans, Seniors, etc.)
- Is there a cause you are interested in learning more about or a cause that addresses an issue you see in the world today? (i.e., Social Injustice, LGBTQ, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Environment, Women's Issues, etc.)
- Is there a cause that has touched you, your family, friends, or co-workers? (i.e., Domestic Violence, Hunger & Poverty, Education, PBS - Public Broadcast Radio, Foster Children, Disaster Relief, etc.)

Change

- Is there a cause that reflects your experiences over the last year?
- Have you/your family/your children been impacted in some way by a change in life circumstances? (i.e., Medical Diagnosis, Suicide, Job Loss, Loss of a Loved One, Divorce, Empty Nesting)

What kind of people would you like to impact?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infants & Babies | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Minorities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teens | <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitively Challenged | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents | | |

Other questions

- Do you see yourself/your family/your children in the organization's marketing materials?
- Are there causes that align with your personal values?
- Are there causes you would like to introduce your children to?
- Is there a cause that your family/grandparents have historically contributed to that you would like to carry-on?

"Probably the most important thing for donors is aligning the causes they give to with their own values, passions and interests. That's what leads to sustained engagement with a cause," she says, "which will help your giving become more intentional and deepen your relationship with a given charity."

- Una Osili, Professor of Economics and Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy



Charity Category Considerations

Animals

- Animal Rights, Welfare, and Services
- Wildlife Conservation
- Zoos and Aquariums

Arts, Culture, Humanities

- Libraries, Historical Societies and Landmark Preservation
- Museums
- Performing Arts
- Public Broadcasting and Media

Community Development

- Housing and Neighborhood Development

Education

- Adult Education Programs and Services
- Early Childhood Programs and Services
- Education Policy and Reform
- Scholarship and Financial Support
- Special Education
- Youth Education Programs and Services
- Higher Education

Environment

- Botanical Gardens, Parks, and Nature Centers
- Environmental Protection and Conservation

Health

- Diseases, Disorders, and Disciplines
- Medical Research
- Patient and Family Support
- Treatment and Prevention Services
- Healthcare- Children
- Healthcare – Adults
- Healthcare - Seniors

Human Services

- Children's and Family Services
- Food Banks, Food Pantries, and Food Distribution
- Homeless Services
- Multipurpose Human Service Organizations
- Rescue Missions
- Social Services
- Youth Development, Shelter, and Crisis Services
- Senior Services

Human and Civil Rights

- Advocacy and Education
- Diverse populations

Research and Public Policy

- Non-Medical Science & Technology Research
- Social and Public Policy Research

Other

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Charitable category source:

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/>