



Calendar of Service and Philanthropy

To build community and cultural competence, add these monthly themes to your calendar and align with activities and service-learning projects throughout the year. For each month Learning to Give provides activities, guides, lessons, project ideas, and more! learningtogive.org/get-started/calendar

August	Description	September	Description
TeachOne for Back to School	Simply "TeachOne" to get started with a one-session lesson and project idea. Share a common theme with other groups/classes.	National Hispanic Awareness Month	Through literature and discussion, we build awareness of the culture and contributions of Latinx people.
Cultural Competency	Activities and discussions to build awareness of and generosity toward people of diverse backgrounds and experiences.	September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance	Commemorate the heroes of September 11 by being an everyday hero through service to the community .
Character Education	Middle school character education advisory lessons with academic, character, and philanthropy themes.	Grandparents Day	This day is an opportunity to hear stories of and develop relationships with grandparents and other elderly community members .
Build Community and Kindness	Explore how acts of kindness impact the whole community with lessons and project ideas.	Citizenship/ Constitution Day September 17	Explore citizenship and the U.S. Constitution and the value of participating in civil society .

October	Description	October	Description
International Day of Nonviolence (Oct 2)	This day of peace and non-violence provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace.	Islamic Heritage Month	Through literature and discussion, we build awareness of the culture and contributions of Islamic people.
National Disability Awareness Month	Build empathy and understanding of the strengths and abilities of people with physical and mental differences.	Bullying Prevention Month	Teach strategies to understand patterns of bullying behavior and help reduce negative behaviors.


November	Description	November	Description
Election Day (First Tuesday after the first Monday)	Learn about democracy and civic engagement , and advocate for voting as well as national and local issues.	Native American / Indigenous Heritage Month	Through literature and discussion, we build awareness of the culture and contributions of Indigenous people.
Veterans Day November 11	Veterans are doing service at the highest level – risking their lives for the common good. A good day to thank military people with cards.	Thanksgiving Day	Students reflect on what they are thankful for and how they can "pay it forward."
National Philanthropy Day November 15	Learn about the history of philanthropy and how it has enhanced our civic society.	#Teach1 for #GivingTuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving)	After a day of thanks, we have two days of shopping deals, and then we bring our attention back to generosity. TeachOne for #GivingTuesday .

December	Description	January	Description
Holidays of many faith traditions	In this season of giving , reflect on family traditions and explore why people give in different cultural traditions.	TeachOne for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	



January	Description	January	Description
New Year's Day January 1	Each year more than half of all people living in the U.S. make New Year Resolutions . Let's start a movement to include service and volunteerism on our list of New Year Resolutions.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Learn the history of Civil Rights. TeachOne lesson and do a simple service project and reflection. Get your whole building talking about justice and diversity .

February	Description	March	Description
Black History Month	Learn about the philanthropic and civic work of famous African Americans in U.S. history.	March Is Reading Month	Examine the root causes and effects on society of a lack of books and literacy . What are the needs in your community? Use the Learning to Give literature guides to explore themes of philanthropy in picture books and YA novels.
Random Acts of Kindness Week	Do something kind for someone else that doesn't expect it. Make a list of kind acts people can do. Challenge others to do 10 kind things this week .	Women's History Month	Read about the courage, passion, and conviction of women philanthropists in history , especially related to voting and needs of children. What women today are leading change?
Valentine's Day February 14	Teach the knowledge and skills of kindness in the community. Share art as a loving gift of talent for others.	World Water Day March 22	Learn about the need for clean water and the science of healthy water systems .
Presidents' Day	Explore the role of presidents in advancing social justice , human rights, and personal responsibility. Compare famous presidential quotes, laws, philanthropy, and calls to action.		

April	Description	May	Description
Autism Awareness Month	Through literature and discussion, we build awareness of the talents and contributions of people who are differently abled.	Mental Health Awareness Month	Learn about and spread the word that mental health is as important as physical health and something everyone should care about.
Earth Day April 22	Teach environmental stewardship and gratitude for the gifts of nature. TeachOne lesson and do a simple service project and reflection.	Mother's Day	Advocate for children around the world by raising awareness of the needs of mothers and children .
Global Youth Service Day	Join the largest service event in the world that mobilizes millions of youth to improve their communities through service .	Memorial Day	Honor this holiday by recognizing the role of soldiers. Teach the role of patriotism and encourage students to volunteer and serve to benefit their community and country.
TeachOne for Earth Day		Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Through literature and discussion, we build awareness of the culture and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander people.

June	Description	June	Description
World Refugee Day June 20	Raise awareness and help support newly settled families and children in your community.	National Lemonade Days Early June	National Lemonade Days is a fundraiser that allows people of all ages to make a difference in the battle against childhood cancer .
LGBTQ+ Pride Month	Pride month is a celebration to recognize the value and impact of people who are LGBTQ and those working to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity.	Juneteenth (June 19)	Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the U.S. The Emancipation Proclamation declared slaves free, but it took time to be enforced.

