

Philanthropy 101: “Exploring Generosity” presentation outline

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Introduction

Regardless of our circumstances, we all have many opportunities to make our lives and the world around us better.

Science and Psychology

Science and psychology are unlocking more and more secrets about how our minds and bodies work. They are discovering that altruism is wired into who we are.

History

There are examples of generosity around the world and through all of human history. This program focuses particularly on generosity in the Western tradition.

Philosophy and Theology

Wise people from ancient Greece to modern times have examined the essential nature of generosity to a life well lived. They help us to illuminate how to give well of time, talent, and treasure.

Generous Living

Reflect on the “why” of giving: your unique purpose including your passions, interests, and abilities. Then explore the “how” of giving by looking at “3 Ps”: Proximity, Proportion, and Power.

Generosity of Spirit

Generosity happens at the intersection of attitude and action. How do we respond to others in our lives when bad things happen to them? When good things happen to them?

Living Generously: Abundance vs. Scarcity

One great battle of the world is abundance vs. scarcity. If we are lifted up by abundance, we always have enough no matter how little we own. If we are bowed under by scarcity, we never have enough no matter how much we have. Our alignment with abundance or scarcity determines our ability to give.

The Generational Opportunity

There is a once-in-a-century opportunity for Baby Boomers, GenXers, and Millennials to work together towards improving our society. Generosity is at the center of this potential progress.

Conclusion

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”