

"Learning To Give" Glossary of Philanthropic Terms

advocacy

To write or speak in favor of; to support.

altruism

Selfless concern for the welfare of others

business

A profit-making organization

charity

Money or help given to aid the needy; an organization, fund or institution whose purpose is to aid those in need - derived from the Christian concept of caritas, meaning love of one's neighbor.

church

Faith institution; a building for Christian worship; a congregation of public Christian worship

citizen

A resident of a town or city; a native or naturalized person entitled to protection from a government.

common good

Resources shared for the collective benefit of the whole group of people.

diversification

The great range of individual differences that exist in each species

government

The authoritative administration of public policy and affairs of a nation, state or city; the system or policy by which a political unit is governed; any governed territory, district or area.

Philanthropy

The giving of one's time, talent or treasure for the sake of another - or for the common good

third sector

Independent sector, non-governmental, nonprofit or non-business sector

volunteer

One who offers himself for a service of his own free will.

