Local Philanthropist

Directions: Brainstorm several names of local philanthropists. You may ask your family to help.

A philanthropist is someone who gives or shares time, talent, and/or treasure for the common good.

1. What are the names found on local buildings, theaters, parks, and other public areas? (Option: Drive around town to find names.)

2. Name some well-known philanthropists in the local area. They may be people who contributed in the past or present.

3. Who do you know that volunteer’s time for the common good? Think of kind and generous people in your neighborhood, faith-based community, and family.

Note: In class you will make a final decision about who you will research and write about. Then, through interviews and research at the library and on the internet, you will learn details about this person's life (examples of service and giving, interesting stories, early years, goals, core values, influences, career, and legacy). It is helpful to choose an individual you will be able to interview or find sufficient information about.