

Roles in Society Handout

Directions: Assign each group of student's one segment of society from which to brainstorm how philanthropy is used. You may use any combination from the list below. They will then create a rap song to explain this to the class. Examples are listed next to each segment.

Philanthropy in:

- **Education**
Literacy groups, Alternative Education, parents accompanying kids on field trips, alumni associations, historical societies
- **Justice System**
Assist court staffs, assist crime victims, advocate changes in law, and take part in debates. Offenders may receive community service options, assist with service projects for ex-offenders-counseling/finding housing or jobs.
- **Health & Medicine**
Candy stripers, hospital gift shop volunteers, visiting patients, provide health service information clinics, counsel expectant parents, anti-addiction projects, professional associations (AMA)
- **Public Safety**
Monitor police department practices, volunteer firefighters, citizen first aid specialists, donate blood, citizens providing clues to solve crimes
- **Recreation/Sports/Leisure**
Fight forest fires, safety education classes, youth programs, parades, historical re-enactments, memorial services, sport enthusiasts lead clubs
- **Cultural Arts**
Public art, support for the arts, sharing resources
- **Communications**
Broadcast policy-making, postal service citizen advisory committee (selects postage stamp designs), Public Broadcasting companies (PBS, NPR), use of ham radio and citizens band radios to warn people of issues/disasters
- **Environmental Issues**
(Advocate Planned Parenthood, City Planning, Pollution Clean-Up, ANIMAL protection, Education of Citizens, Conservation, Zoo Support Services, Recycling, Weather Observation, Horticulture & Garden Clubs)



- **Political & Social Action**
(Political Campaigns, Town Government, Public Activism, Human Rights, Financial Counseling, Public Information Campaigns, Organize Boycotts, Protest Govt. Actions)
- **International Aid**
(Relief Efforts, Technical Aid, Aid to Foreign Children, International Cooperation, Services to Refugees)
- **Business & Economic Development**
(Professional Associations, Corporate Volunteer Programs, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Trade Associations)
- **War & Peace**
(Letter Writing Campaigns, USO[entertainment tours], holiday gift giving, support of families while loved ones are gone, Reserve Units: National Guard & Civil Defense Programs)
- **Labor & Agriculture**
(Credit Unions, Youth Groups, Hardship Assistance, Unions, Advocacy/Reform: Lobby Legislation, Optional Work Plans[testing new innovations in farming])
- **Religion**
(Religious Education, Missions, Charity, Issue-Oriented Activities, Alter boys/girls, holiday programs, choir, ushers, deacons)
- **Military**
(Civil Air Patrol [teach kids/adults to fly], Peace Organizations, Exploration, MIA, POW, Hostage Concerts, Support Services for Military Personnel, Veterans Projects)
- **Human Services**
(Crisis intervention, food/clothing distribution, self-help [Gamblers Anonymous, Parents Without Partners, AA], Disaster Relief, Guardians, Child/Senior Welfare)

