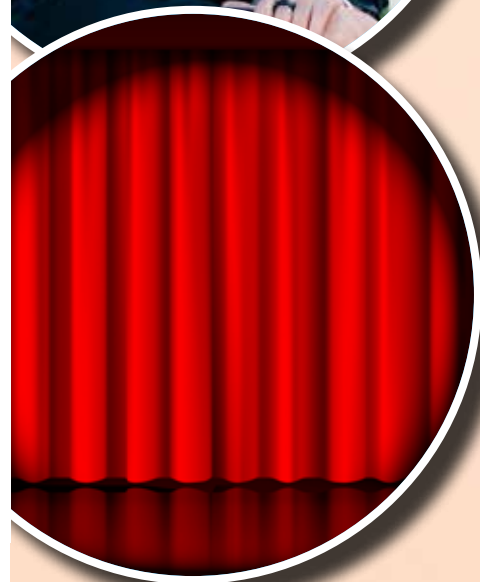


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Giving back strengthens our community's foundation

As we enter the season of gratitude and goodwill, it's with great pleasure that we unveil this special section dedicated to Giving Tuesday—an opportunity for us all to make a meaningful impact in our community.

At Ward Media, we firmly believe in the power of collective generosity and the profound difference it can make. As the Publisher of community newspapers across the region, our commitment to our readership goes beyond delivering news; it extends to fostering a thriving, supportive environment for all.

Today, we unite in celebration of Giving Tuesday—a day dedicated to giving back, supporting local causes, and uplifting the organizations that form the bedrock of our community. It's a day that transcends mere donations; it's a testament to our shared values, a symbol of our unity, and a catalyst for positive change.

The significance of giving back cannot be overstated. It is a tangible expression of our

solidarity, an embodiment of our empathy, and a testament to our commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community. As we showcase some of the nonprofits in our area, their remarkable initiatives, and the incredible people behind them, we hope to inspire each and every one of you to join us in this noble endeavor.

Whether it's a small gesture of kindness, a donation of time, resources, or support for a cause close to your heart, remember that every contribution—no matter the size—matters. Together, our actions ripple outward, creating waves of positivity and empowerment that reverberate across our neighborhoods and beyond.

In the spirit of Giving Tuesday, let us come together, united in purpose, and extend a helping hand to those in

need. Let us embrace the joy of giving and share in the fulfillment that comes from making a difference in the lives of others.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the stories within these pages, to be inspired, and to embark on your own journey of giving. Let us stand as a beacon of compassion and solidarity, nurturing a community where generosity knows no bounds.

Thank you for joining us on this extraordinary day of giving and for being an integral part of the fabric that makes our community truly exceptional.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Terry Ward,
Publisher



The link between volunteering and academic performance

There are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds.

Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students

who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying.

College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools

admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent.

Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

How to start an employee volunteer program

Passion for volunteering is commendable. Some individuals are so excited about the prospects of giving back that they may want to recruit more people to help. Such individuals may find that their place of employment is a great place to spearhead volunteer recruitment efforts.

Companies are diverse, but they also tend to attract like-minded individuals, which can make it easier to recruit potential volunteers. Business owners or human resources personnel looking to strengthen relationships among employees and give back to their communities can consider beginning volunteer programs at work. Here are some tips to begin this journey.

Choose a cause to support

While national nonprofits are worthy of support, employees may be more excited about partnering with local initiatives. Human

resource departments or the employees who are starting volunteer programs at work can poll workers on which causes to stand behind. For example, a company that produces outdoor recreation clothing and equipment might

want to support local efforts that focus on conservation in nearby parks. If a company has a strong stance on education, gear volunteerism around providing supplies for students or improving technological resources in schools.

Involve leadership

It's important to get the backing and approval of company leaders before starting a volunteer group. Since you may be using company resources and infringing on some company time, make sure that higher-ups are supportive. They also may be able to let organizers know whether a certain cause is complementary to the company mission or if it infringes on their mission. For example, a company that

produces plastic products may not mesh with volunteer groups that have negative things to say about plastic products.

Start recruiting volunteers

Reach out to employees and spell out the program's mission during your recruitment efforts. This may be a task that the human resources department can help with. If the company has a department that organizes employee engagement activities, then that group would be a valuable resource as well.

It is also important to think about where volunteers may fit in. Assigning jobs and figuring out how many volunteers and man-hours will be required to complete tasks can provide a

greater sense of the scope of the venture.

Establish when volunteerism will take place

It's best to have ground rules about how much of the employer-supported volunteer work will occur after hours. Some companies may be amenable to having a certain pocket of time taken from the work day, such as establishing Early Dismissal Fridays for volunteers. Employees can base their participation on how it will affect their schedules.

Establishing a volunteer program at work can be a great way to get involved and build strong relationships within the community.



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Join the Fun!

The Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Community & Senior Center is a non-profit organization with focus on our senior community. We are starting our membership drive for 2024 and our dues are only \$12.00 per person. Donations are always appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers for our thrift shop. This



could be an opportunity for kids from the schools to earn credit for community service.

As a non-profit organization, we offer many services to the community, some of which is loaning out medical equipment. We also run a monthly commodity program for Community Action. Hot meals are served three days a week serviced by OCTN. The OCTN bus runs 3 days a week locally and to Wenatchee on Thursday.

Come join us – it's a great way to serve our communities!
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The Chelan Valley Community Nurse is a free, grass roots program dedicated to assisting our Chelan Valley seniors and others who are frail or vulnerable, to keep them safely in their homes. CVCN offers in-home Blood Pressure checks, Medication and Treatment Education, especially post hospital discharge, and Management Assistance with new or chronic conditions. CVCN also provides referrals to Physicians, Community Resources and Support Services for both Clients and their Families. Our services offer relief and support for family members as well, who live outside our valley and who are unable to physically assess and attend their loved ones. The Chelan Valley Community Nurse Program is FREE to anyone living within the Lake Chelan Valley and is funded entirely by Donations and Grants. We do not require Physician Orders, Insurance or payment. We depend upon the generosity of Donors for revenue and Your Support is Deeply Appreciated!



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Leavenworth Summer Theater is kicking off its 30th Anniversary Season of Theater Under the Stars

Be a part of the magic with your donation!

Leavenworth Summer Theater began as the vision of John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis in 1994. Today, LST welcomes dozens of local and traveling actors and musicians each summer.

Great talent and a terrific outdoor location come together to create something truly magical. Today, Leavenworth Summer Theater is the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane, with more than 20,000 people expected each summer.

Local families have made it a memorable tradition. Join in the fun!

Celebrating 30 Years of Theater Magic

Leavenworth Summer Theater on Giving Tuesday

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and what better way to channel that spirit than by supporting the arts? This Giving Tuesday, we are thrilled to share the story of Leavenworth Summer Theater, a nonprofit organization embarking on its 30th-anniversary season of enchanting theater under the stars.

Founded in 1994 by John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis, Leavenworth Summer Theater has grown to become the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane. Our commitment to providing family-friendly outdoor musical experiences

in the picturesque foothills surrounding Leavenworth has garnered the love and support of more than 20,000 patrons each summer.

This upcoming season promises to be extra special as we showcase Disney's Beauty and the Beast and continue the beloved Leavenworth family tradition of The Sound of Music, both performed at the breathtaking Ski Hill Amphitheater. With show dates in July and August, we invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, music, and the magic of live theater.

What sets us apart is not just our captivating productions but also the sense

of community we foster. Each summer, we welcome 50-70 actors and musicians, some of whom hail from local areas, while others travel from across the nation to be part of our theatrical family.

As we prepare for this milestone season, your support on Giving Tuesday can help us continue our mission of bringing the arts to the heart of our community. Join us in celebrating 30 years of Leavenworth Summer Theater, where every ticket purchased and every donation made contributes to the magic that is live outdoor theater. Together, let's ensure that the lights on our stage continue to shine brightly for years to come.

The Impact of Your Contribution

Small Donations, Big Change

As Giving Tuesday approaches, it's a time to reflect on the power of generosity and the remarkable impact that even small donations can have on creating significant change in our communities. While the idea of making a difference often seems synonymous with large sums of money, the reality is that every contribution, regardless of size, plays a vital role in shaping a brighter future.

In the realm of charitable giving, it's essential to recognize that small donations collectively contribute to a substantial force for positive change. These contributions, when combined, form a mosaic of support that can address various needs and challenges faced by local organizations and initiatives.

One of the remarkable aspects of small donations is their ability to provide immediate assistance where it's needed most. Local charities and nonprofits often rely on a steady influx of modest contributions to sustain their day-to-day operations and fund essential programs. These funds may go towards providing meals for the hungry, educational resources for underserved communities, or support for those facing unexpected crises.

Moreover, small donations

have a cascading effect on community engagement. When individuals contribute, they not only provide financial support but also signal to others the importance of giving back. This ripple effect creates a culture of philanthropy, inspiring more people to join the cause and amplifying the overall impact.

Consider the example of a local literacy program that aims to improve educational outcomes for children. A modest donation may provide the necessary materials for a child to participate in reading programs, setting them on a path towards academic success. Multiply that by numerous small donations, and suddenly, the program has the resources to expand its reach, benefiting even more children in the community.

In the digital age, the ease of making small donations has never been greater. Online

platforms and crowdfunding initiatives allow individuals to contribute to causes they care about with just a few clicks. This accessibility empowers people to support a variety of initiatives, breaking down barriers and enabling anyone, regardless of financial means, to make a positive impact.

As we approach Giving Tuesday, let's celebrate the incredible potential of small donations. Whether it's contributing to one of the many North Cascade local food banks, supporting a community project, or aiding a cause close to your heart, know that your generosity, no matter the amount, is part of a collective force that can bring about meaningful change. Together, let's embrace the spirit of giving and recognize the profound impact we can achieve when we all contribute, no matter how small the gesture.



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Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

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UVCares: New Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center Opens

By UVCARES

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What we do and how you can help:

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How Your Donation Helps a Person in Need

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evaluation and a treatment plan.

- \$500.00 - provides treatment services.
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We are experiencing higher than normal costs associated with therapist fees. Your donation is needed and truly appreciated.

Facts About UVCares Behavioral Health

- A registered 501c3 non-profit charitable organization - donations are tax deductible.
- Provides mental health assessments and counseling.
- Provides drug & alcohol addiction assessments and treatment.
- Provides private and court-ordered services.

- Addresses barriers that include access and affordability.
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UVCares

UVCares is a nonprofit organization that delivers mental health and substance use drug and alcohol addiction healthcare while addressing barriers that include access, affordability, and community outreach.

How Your Donation Helps a Person in Need

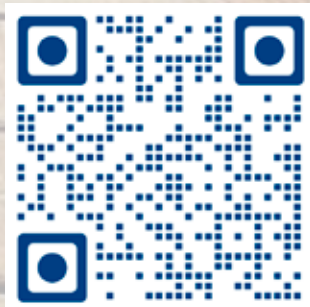
- **\$100.00** provides an evaluation and a treatment plan.
- **\$500.00** provides treatment services.
- **\$1,000.00** provides full treatment.

UVCares

Supporters like you mean a lot to our local communities. Thank you to UVCares supporters. Your support means everything.

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Cyber scams come in many different forms

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In a relatively short period of time, the internet has changed the way people live. Things that might have been unimaginable as recently as a quarter century ago are now ingrained in daily life. For instance, few people in the late 1990s might have imagined a day when billions of people across the globe would be walking around with mini-computers capable of taking hi-resolution photos in their pockets. But smartphones have long since become an accepted and vital part of life in the 21st century.

The internet has opened doors to new possibilities, but it's also left other doors open for cybercriminals. Any home with an internet connection is potentially vulnerable to internet scams. Recognition of that fact and awareness of the following scams can reduce the likelihood of being victimized by opportunistic cybercriminals.

- **Disaster relief scams:** Human beings' innate sense of compassion is on full display in the aftermath of natural disasters when people across the globe typically donate hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by hurricanes, wildfires, and other devastating events.

But skilled cybercriminals prey on that compassion by setting up bogus relief efforts. Such efforts may involve fake charities with names that are similar but slightly different than well-known, legitimate nonprofit organizations. Operations such as Charity Navigator make it easy to verify if a charitable organization is legitimate, and would-be donors should utilize such resources prior to making any donations.

- **Phishing scams:** Phishing scams are among the oldest cyber scams, but they still nab victims every day. The Federal Trade Commission warns that many phishing scams are conducted via email or text messages and inform potential victims that there is an issue with their finances. Some may say there are issues with a bank account, credit card or even a tax return. Skeptics may wonder how anyone could fall for a phishing scam in the age of two-factor authentication and other security measures. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that phishing scams cost victims nearly \$60 million in 2019, indicating they're still a lucrative source of

income for cybercriminals.

- **Formjacking:** Formjacking is a retail-based scam in which online shoppers' personal and financial information is stolen. In such instances, a retail website could be hacked without users' knowledge. When it comes time to purchase items they've placed in their carts, users are redirected to a fraudulent payment page, where they enter personal information, such as their credit card number, that cybercriminals then steal. When buying items online, shoppers should confirm that the URL on the payment page aligns with the retailer they're buying from. If the URL is missing even a single letter (think Amzon.com instead of Amazon.com), then chances are a formjacking scam is being operated.

Tech support scams, in which users are asked to download applications to fix an infected computer, and similar download-based fake antivirus software scams are some additional examples of cyber scams. Users are urged to be on the lookout for each of these types of scams and exercise caution whenever something doesn't seem right or authentic.



Emergency Veterinary Care For Animals In Need

Besides offering affordable Spay and Neuter services for low-income families, Okanogan Regional Humane also helps cover the cost of emergency medical services for animals in our area.

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To ensure children continue to receive these books every month, please donate to OCCDA today through Give NCW.

Enrolled children from birth to age five receive a **free, high-quality, developmentally appropriate book every month.** The book is addressed directly to the child to help spark excitement in building a foundation in early literacy.

Research shows that having access to books helps

children gain early literacy skills and prepares them for kindergarten. When parents read to their children, it also provides opportunities for the parent and child to bond. We have delivered nearly 50,000 books to over 2,600 local children.

The Give NCW campaign is open on Thanksgiving Day until Dec. 31, 2023.

To donate, please visit <https://cfncw.org/givencw2023/>



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Giving Tuesday:

A global movement spreading hope and generosity

Rooted in the spirit of generosity, this global phenomenon, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, encourages individuals and communities worldwide to embrace the act of giving back.

Origin and History:

Emerging in 2012 as a response to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the concept of Giving Tuesday was born from a collaboration between the 92nd Street Y, a

cultural and community center in New York City, and the United Nations Foundation. Fueled by the power of social media and the collective desire to make a positive impact, this initiative swiftly gained traction, transcending borders and cultures.

The Purpose and Impact:

Giving Tuesday serves as a beacon of hope, uniting people across the globe to support causes close to their hearts. Whether contributing funds

to charitable organizations, volunteering time and expertise, or simply spreading awareness, this day empowers individuals to effect change in their communities and beyond.

Unwavering Support and Growth:

Over the years, the ethos of Giving Tuesday has reverberated across continents, igniting a spirit of philanthropy that knows no bounds. Organizations, corporations, and individuals join forces, amplifying the impact of their contributions to address diverse issues, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation and social justice.

Local Initiatives and Participation:

Communities around the world, including our own in North Central Washington, embrace Giving Tuesday with enthusiasm and passion. From charitable drives and fundraising events to volunteer-led initiatives, the spirit of giving resonates deeply within our neighborhoods, enriching lives and fostering a culture of compassion.

Looking Ahead:

As the world faces various challenges, the significance of Giving Tuesday continues to grow, reminding us of the profound impact of altruism. With each passing year, this day serves as a powerful reminder that generosity knows no bounds and that collective action can pave the way for a brighter, more compassionate world.



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TO DONATE: Send a check to: **Chelan Valley Hope, P.O. Box 635, Chelan, WA. 98816** or go online: chelanvalleyhope.org/donate



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How to make a charity a beneficiary

Giving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals

who want to give back in their wills.

Most people think of beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance

to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will.

Signs of charitable fraud

Giving to charity is a selfless endeavor that's vital to the survival of countless nonprofit organizations across the globe. Without the generosity of donors, many charitable organizations would cease to exist, leaving the people they help vulnerable to illness and financial hardship.

Fraud may be the furthest thing from donors' minds, but it's something charitable individuals must be aware of as they consider donating to charity. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charity fraud increases during the holiday season, when many people embrace the spirit of giving and seek to make end-of-year tax deductible gifts to their favorite charities.

The FBI also warns that charity scams are common after disasters or tragedies, including pandemics. The Federal Trade Commission noted in September 2020 that Americans had lost more than \$145 million to charity fraud

related to the coronavirus in the first six months of the pandemic.

One measure all prospective donors should take is to learn the signs of charitable fraud. Many charity scams target seniors, but no one is entirely safe from charity fraud. AARP notes that the following are some warning signs of charity fraud.

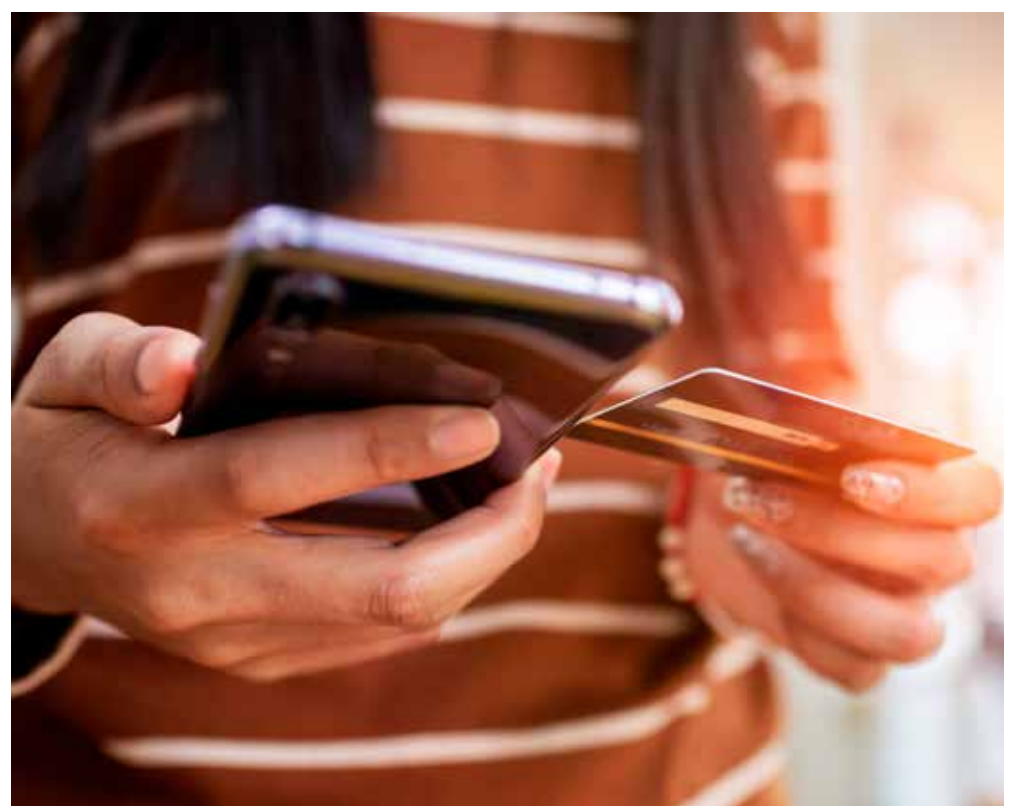
Pressure to give: Reputable charities do not pressure prospective donors into giving. A strong, trustworthy charity will accept donations whenever donors choose to make them. Legitimate operations like the American Red Cross may heighten their solicitations after natural disasters, but such groups still will not try to pressure people into donating.

Thanking donors for donations they don't recall making: AARP notes that some charitable fraud perpetrators will try to convince potential victims they have already given to a cause. This is done in an effort

to lower potential victims' resistance, giving them a false sense of security and the impression that a fraudulent operation is legitimate. If donors don't recall donating to a specific charity, chances are strong they didn't make such a donation and that the message of gratitude is merely a fishing expedition intended to reel in new victims.

Requests for cash, gift cards, or wire transfers: Cash, gifts, and wire transfers are difficult to trace, which makes it easier for perpetrators of fraud to escape the authorities. Reputable charities will welcome donations made by personal check or credit card.

Perpetrators of charitable fraud prey on the vulnerability of well-meaning donors who simply want to support a good cause. Learning to spot signs of charitable fraud can provide an added measure of protection against the criminals behind such operations.



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Thinking Outside the Box in Giving: Unconventional Ways to Contribute to Causes Beyond Traditional Donations

As Giving Tuesday approaches, a day dedicated to charitable acts and giving back to the community, it's an opportune time to explore unconventional ways of making a difference beyond the traditional avenues of monetary donations. While financial contributions are undoubtedly valuable, there are myriad creative and unexpected ways to support causes close to your heart. This year, let's think outside the box and discover innovative ways to contribute to meaningful change.

Time and Skills Donation:

Instead of reaching for your

wallet, consider giving the gift of your time and skills. Many non-profit organizations are in constant need of volunteers to support their missions. Whether you have expertise in graphic design, marketing, event planning, or simply a willingness to lend a hand, your skills can make a tangible impact. Offer to help with social media campaigns, create promotional materials, or organize fundraising events. Your time and talents can be just as valuable as a monetary donation.

Micro-Volunteering:

For those with hectic schedules, micro-volunteering offers a convenient way

to contribute in bite-sized increments. Websites like Sparked and Catchafire connect volunteers with short-term, online projects that can be completed in as little as 15 minutes. This allows individuals to make a meaningful impact, even during a coffee break or while waiting for a bus.

Donation of Goods:

Clean out your closet or declutter your home with a purpose. Many charities accept donations of gently used clothing, household items, and even technology. Your old laptop or smartphone, for instance, could provide educational opportunities for

those in need. Check with local organizations to see what specific items they are currently seeking.

Educational Initiatives:

Share your knowledge and passion by engaging in educational initiatives. Offer to host a workshop or mentorship program for individuals interested in your field of expertise. Education is a powerful tool for empowerment, and your guidance can help open doors for others.

Social Media Advocacy:

Leverage the power of social media to raise awareness about causes that matter

to you. Share informative content, inspiring stories, and calls to action on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Your online presence can help amplify the reach of organizations, sparking conversations and encouraging others to get involved.

Random Acts of Kindness:

Sometimes, the simplest acts can have the most profound impact. Embrace the philosophy of random acts of kindness by surprising strangers with small gestures of goodwill. Whether it's paying for someone's coffee

or leaving uplifting notes in public spaces, spreading positivity can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond the initial act.

This Giving Tuesday, let's redefine the meaning of giving by exploring unconventional ways to make a positive impact. Whether it's through volunteering your time, sharing your skills, or embracing small acts of kindness, there are countless ways to contribute to causes that matter. By thinking outside the box, we can create a culture of giving that extends beyond traditional donations and fosters a spirit of generosity that lasts throughout the year.

Charities that help children

Whitney Houston famously sang "the children are our future." Each generation has the potential to change the world. Even the most determined children need some helping hands in order to reach their full potential, especially if they must confront financial, medical, or other obstacles.

Charitable organizations assist individuals in various ways. Children's charities help kids in need, whether they are facing poverty, need critical medical care, come from abusive homes, or require learning assistance. The following are some of the many critical children's charities working to help youngsters reach their full potential.

Wheels for Wishes: This organization helps children of the Make-A-

Wish Foundation. Wheels for Wishes facilitates car donations that can help fund experiences for critically ill children. (www.wheelsforwishes.org)

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer: This organization was started by the parents of Alexandra "Alex" Scott, a young girl who had cancer and succumbed to the disease in 2004. The group helps raise funds for pediatric cancer research. (www.AlexsLemonade.org)

WorldVision: This group was founded in 1950 by Robert Pierce to support Christian mission services for families experiencing crises in East Asia. It is now the largest international non-governmental organization helping impoverished children in Asia and elsewhere. (www.worldvision.org)

Save the Children: This charity works internationally and in the United States to sponsor children experiencing abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation. (www.savethechildren.org)

Imagination Library: This organization, started by country star Dolly Parton, provides free books to children from birth through age 5. While it began for kids in rural Tennessee in 1995, the charity now distributes one million books to children across the U.S. to help foster a love of reading. (<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>)

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital: The work at St. Jude's helps to fund research to find cures and new treatments for childhood cancers. St. Jude's also provides safe and free medical services to children with cancer. (www.stjude.org)

Locks of Love: This charity provides wigs made of real hair for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. The wigs are made from donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. (<https://locksoflove.org>)



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Making wishes: one furry friend at a time

By MAKE-A-WISH ALASKA AND WASHINGTON

When Make-A-Wish alumna Krystin Intrchoodech was in the hospital, the only people outside of her family she got to see were her nurses and doctors.

"It was very lonely," said Krystin reflecting on the seven months she spent in the hospital undergoing five rounds of life-saving treatment for leukemia.

But while there, she found comfort from an unexpected source: a fluffy, pink, Build-A-Bear teddy gifted to her by her dad and brother. It was just the companion Krystin needed to lift her spirits.

She affectionately named her furry friend Krystin Jr., and the two were inseparable. "She slept with it every night," said her mom, Ladda.

During that time, she was introduced to Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington -- the non-profit that grants wishes to local children with critical illnesses -- and was told she qualified for a wish.

"I thought about all the things I could wish for and decided that I wanted to give back," she said. "I wanted every child to have a friend - something to be there for them in their time of need to comfort them."

And so, that became her wish -- to give back.

For a day, the pediatric cancer units at the hospital were transformed into Build-A-Bear workshops. Large stuffing machines were set up in the family rooms of the outpatient cancer clinics. Adorable outfits and various furry friends were laid out so patients at the hospital could create a one-of-a-kind stuffed animal just for them.

Bear Builders from Build-A-Bear worked with each patient individually to stuff the bears, perform Heart Ceremonies, and stitch them up with love and care.

As children brought their furry friends to life, it was almost as if more wishes were coming true, the power of a wish touching each person involved.

"Krystin embodies the spirit of generosity that fills the air this time of year and is vital for Make-A-Wish to continue its work," said Angela Miller, vice president, regional and volunteer programs for Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington. "We rely on volunteer support and donations to make life-changing wishes like Krystin's possible."

In fact, the local chapter is in dire need of volunteers who speak both English and Spanish in Chelan and Douglas counties. "Right now, we have a handful of volunteers who are single-handedly granting all the wishes in Central and Eastern Washington."

Volunteers meet with families -- helping them through the wish-granting process, including planning their wishes.

"For anyone looking for a fun and joyful hands-on experience working directly with kids and families, this is a volunteer opportunity unlike anything else," Miller said. "When people hear the name Make-A-Wish, there is a common misconception that we have all the funding and resources we need because we are so well-known. But that's not true."

If Krystin's wish has inspired you, please visit wish.org/akwa/Krystin to learn about how you can help grant life-changing wishes like hers by donating your time as a volunteer or making a gift of cash or frequent flyer miles.

