Kids Helping Others

Kids have the power to set goals. But they can also help others. This is called **philanthropy.** It means giving time or money to causes and charities. Here are some ways kids can make a difference:

◗ **Volunteering:** You can donate your time to a group or a cause. Some opportunities for kids include helping others, visiting the elderly, and picking up litter.

Have you ever **donated time** or **money** to charity? Talk about it with members of your family.

◗ **Donating:** You can donate goods such as food, clothing, or books to charities. You can also donate money.

◗ **Fund-raising:** Bake sales can help raise money for others.

So how do you get started? First, think about what organization or cause you want to help. Do you like animals? An organization that finds homes for stray pets might be right for you. Or maybe you want to help a group that works for the environment. Check with your family, teacher, or librarian for other ideas.

Once you know where you want to help, think about what you are ready to give: Is it your time, money, or both? Make a plan. Then set a goal for how you can help.

A **charity** is an organization that **helps those in need.** Can you think of three charities and who or what each charity helps?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Check It Out

1. Brianna and her mother are checking out at the grocery store. Their total comes to $72.97. Brianna's mother pays with four $20 bills. She gives the change to two volunteers who are collecting donations for hurricane relief. How much money did Brianna and her mother donate? _____

2. Briana and her mother shopped for three items to give to a local charity. Which was the better buy in each case?

   A. **Juice:** One 4-pack of 12-ounce bottles for $3.49 or one 10-pack of 6.75-ounce boxes for $3.16? _____

   B. **Pasta:** One 16-ounce box of spaghetti for 49 cents or one 24-ounce box of elbow macaroni for 60 cents?

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   C. **Peanut Butter:** Two 18-ounce jars for $4.00, or one 12-ounce jar for $3.00?

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3. Tamara volunteers in a community garden. She spends 1 hour after school on Tuesday and 1.5 hours on Thursday. If each shift is 30 minutes long, how many shifts does Tamara work? _____

4. Scott sells wrapping paper to raise money for his school. On the first day his sales equal $16.75. On the second day his sales equal $9.35. On the third day his sales equal $24.95.

   A. What is the total income Scott raised for the school over a three-day period? _____

   B. What is the average daily income Scott raised over the three-day period? _____

5. Kendra has an allowance and a weekend job delivering newspapers. She earns $15 per week. She sets one tenth of her income aside each week for charity. How much does Kendra give each week to charity? _____