



Sample Mission Statements for Giving

"I want to see social justice, economic redistribution and racial harmony. Therefore, I work for, donate to and volunteer with organizations that involve ordinary people in confronting and changing the institutions and public policies that affect their lives. I especially like to support those organizations in which I am personally involved, or where I know leaders of the organization."¹

"I've seen children gain enormous self-confidence, skills and new friends through camp experiences that have helped transform their lives. I believe that camp should be an experience available to all kids. Our family has established the Campers Fund to give scholarships to low-income and disabled children who have never been to camp before. It is our family goal to help 2-4 kids per year with \$500 to \$750 each for scholarships to the summer camp of their choosing."¹

"Our family's goal is to bring creative expression to our community. We fund art and photography classes for inner-city and rural young people, ages 12-18, and have established a summer community arts program that works with more than 200 young people each summer in our town. In addition, we buy art from emerging artists for personal investment and joy."¹

"My top three values are dignity, equality, and opportunity, and my top three issue areas are education, economic justice, and youth development. I believe that the opportunity for a good education, particularly for young people who are shut out of their full potential early on because of poor schools, is vital to dignity, equality, and finally, economic justice for everyone."²

¹ Sample mission statements from Inspired Philanthropy, *Creating a Giving Plan* by Tracy Gary and Melissa Kohner. First edition. Berkeley, CA: Chardon Press, 1998, p. 27-28.

² Sample mission statement from *A Plan of One's Own: A Woman's Guide to Philanthropy*, p.8. New Ventures in Philanthropy. Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, www.givingforum.org.