



## *Steps in Developing a Mission Statement*

These questions will help you draft your own philanthropic mission statement.

1. How have you given to charity in the past? What, if anything, would you like to do differently?

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2. List your selected values:

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3. List your selected issues: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Describe the difference you would like to make:

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5. Write down the relationships you see among your values and interests. Example: "My top three values are community, justice and respect and my top three issue areas are seniors, poverty and homelessness/housing. The relationship I see is that in order for everyone to live in a just community, all seniors must have enough financial support, including good housing, to lead their lives with respect."

Your turn:

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6. Write your mission statement. Example: "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."

Your turn First draft of mission statement:

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Second draft of mission statement:

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Final draft of mission statement:

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