

5 Reasons to Donate to Charity

1. **Donations are tax deductible:** When you donate to a charitable organization or a non-profit group, the amount you donate is tax deductible. But not only is the money you give tax deductible, so are the amounts you spend on travel, parking costs and even convention and event fees that are related to the non-profit group, as long as you are not being reimbursed by the charity for these expenses.
2. **Giving to charity may improve your sense of well-being:** The act of helping others can create an improved sense of well-being. Knowing that you sacrificed something such as time, finances or property in order to help others in need can give you a sense of purpose in life or work and inner satisfaction.
3. **Supporting a cause can help keep you informed about issues of social injustice:** When considering donating to a charity, many people tend to research the issues connected to that organization. As a result, you become more educated about social injustices around the world. You may discover new points of view and opinions on topics about which you were previously uninformed. This knowledge may position you to help increase the awareness of social problems among those in your sphere of influence from a balanced and educated standpoint.
4. **Giving to charity out of spiritual conviction can strengthen your spiritual life:** Selfless giving is a key component to many spiritual and religious belief systems. Recognizing that you have taken action in line with your spiritual beliefs by offering your resources to others in need can bring a sense of inner peace and contentment.
5. **Volunteering with a charity may result in physical and social benefits:** After donating financially to a charity or non-profit organization, you may feel an inner pull to become more involved with the cause by donating your time and skill as well. By volunteering, you have the opportunity to build your social circles while reaping the physical, mental and spiritual benefits from the labor you contribute to your favorite cause.

Two ways you can help United Way of Greater Topeka today!

VOTE!! Let's bring imagination to Shawnee County!!! United Way of Greater Topeka wants to bring an Imagination Playground Big Blue Blocks set to the K-6th grade students. These playgrounds encourage creativity, social skills, problem solving and much more! Vote here <https://goo.gl/OGiiIW> and be sure to type in United Way of Greater Topeka as the organization (variations end up under a different voting total). **Please vote daily and share with all your friends!**

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Take part in the campaign "Hit a Home Run with Washburn & United Way" from April 19 – May 6. United Way's mission is to create positive sustainable change in the community. United Way brings together people, companies, and nonprofits to create positive sustainable change in our community. United Way works to solve issues no single donor, charity or government agency can handle alone. By focusing on education, income, and health, United Way helps more children graduate and get stable jobs, helps families become financially stable, and helps to improve the overall health of our community.



"Your 3 wishes are taxable. Donate them to charity and take the write-off!"