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THE PHILANTHROPIC AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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The Philanthropic Autobiography is an opportunity to think consciously about our involvement with philanthropy, volunteerism, and the nonprofit sector. It is our opportunity to reflect on how we come to experience and learn about philanthropy, what philanthropy means to us and what motivates us to volunteer our time and give our money and expertise for the primary benefit of others. Please take a few moments to reflect on the following questions and write a brief philanthropic autobiography. You can complete a more detailed philanthropic autobiography over time as you take additional opportunities for reflection.

What was your earliest experience or memory of giving and volunteering?	
What are some of the ways you or your family has benefited from philanthropy?	

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<p>What are some of the key philanthropic acts of others that are memorable to you?</p>	
<p>Who are some of the philanthropic role models that have influenced your life? What about their philanthropy appealed to you?</p>	
<p>Reflect on a gift that you've given. How did it come about? How did you feel?</p>	
<p>What does philanthropy mean to you?</p>	

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<p>How did you become interested in working in the sector or doing organized philanthropy?</p>	
<p>What motivates you to continue your work in the sector and your volunteerism?</p>	

Recommended Resources

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