

# IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY

## 12 MONTHS OF GIVING

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### JANUARY

#### **CHOOSE A "FORMAL" VOLUNTEER DAY**

There are non-profits or other service-driven organizations in every community. Find one you're passionate about.

### FEBRUARY

#### **FOCUS ON A NEIGHBOR**

Ask in your building or on your block if anyone may be falling behind on tasks such as shoveling, mowing, grocery pickup or even just companionship.

### MARCH

#### **CLEAN OUT A CLOSET**

Make your volunteer time work double duty: Clean out a closet and find an organization that accepts donated goods and services.

### APRIL

#### **PLANT A TREE**

Trees are miracle workers: They store carbon dioxide and provide wildlife habitat at a relatively inexpensive cost. Your parks department may give some away at no cost.

### MAY

#### **PICK UP TRASH**

You don't have to tackle litter anywhere other than your block: Grab your family and put one or two hours in on a weekend day to pick up stray items.

### JUNE

#### **GIVE A DAY TO BUILD A HOME**

Housing affects more than just daily shelter; it impacts health, educational outcomes and economic stability. See if an organization has a giving day.

### JULY

#### **GET MOVING WITH A YOUTH TEAM**

Per child, per sport and per year, participation costs \$692. Consider sponsoring one athlete's costs.

### AUGUST

#### **DONATE SOME PENCILS**

On average, American parents spend about \$700 at back-to-school time. Invest in low-cost items to give to a local school.

### SEPTEMBER

#### **DONATE TO A LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

Little free pantries are modeled on little free libraries but offer food and personal-need supplies for those in need. They're often located at schools or places of worship.

### OCTOBER

#### **COPY AND LAMINATE FOR SCHOOLS**

Many schools struggle to find helpers to do those necessary to-do's such as making copies and laminating materials.

### NOVEMBER

#### **SPEND A FEW DOLLARS LOCALLY**

Dollar-for-dollar, shopping at independent stores creates two times as many jobs as shopping with large online retailers.

### DECEMBER

#### **GIFT SOME GOODWILL**

Find a way to pass it along, be it a to-go coffee, a plate of cookies or whatever else you think a neighbor or a friend would appreciate.