



Idaho
Women's
Charitable
Foundation

Roadmap

A place to begin in planning personal philanthropy.

It's about

"the difficult art of giving."

(J. D. Rockefeller)

Consider the following *a planning template*. Below are listed some of the elements that you will want to consider when planning your personal philanthropy.

Articulate your field of vision

- Field of interest (Arts, Education, Health, Basic Needs, Environment, other?)
- Purpose or vision
- Expectations of others and yourself
- Rationale for your generosity

Define your limits

- Organization specific (church, school)
- Number of organizations to fund (consider three)
- Level of participation

Questions to consider:

1. What subjects do you already know about? (areas of personal expertise)
2. Do you have knowledge in a specific interest area? Which one?
3. Do you have a passion that you might want to support?
4. Do your interests and passion intersect? Are there nonprofits that represent those areas of interest?
5. Are those nonprofits ready and able to accept support? Need support? Doing just fine without you? How would you know?
6. Can you find matching funds to multiple your support? Where might you look for matching funds?
7. What "radical" ideas do you think deserve support?
8. What wouldn't get done if it weren't for your personal philanthropy?
9. What is your role in building a "civil society?"
10. What sorts of projects do you feel will lead your community to a place "*where it's easy to be good?*" (Peter Maurin)