

PAY IT FORWARD

25 FOR \$25

Ideas to add impact to your charitable giving

It doesn't take a big donation to make a big difference in your community. Inspired by our own Pay it Forward initiative, here are 25 ideas for high impact giving based on a \$25 donation you can pay forward to a worthy cause.

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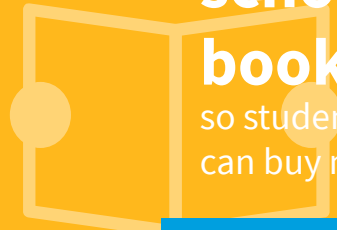
14 Fill a gently-used bag with toiletries, non-perishable food, water, new socks, etc. to create a care package for a person in need



1 Make an in-kind donation to a food pantry (call to see what items they need)



21 Create a \$25 credit for a school's local bookfair so students in need can buy new books



12 Work with a local school to anonymously pay the school lunch balances for a student in need



2 Purchase breakfast for seniors at a local senior center



7 Purchase \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants that are open 24/7 and donate them to orgs such as The Ali Forney Center, which serves LGBTQ+ youth. "When shelters are full, we give them to clients so they'll have food to eat and a warm place to stay overnight."



9 Make a donation to a youth foster center

\$25 can help fund school activities, buy clothes or holiday gifts

3 Make in-kind donation (DVDs, books, snacks) to a local afterschool program



Perform random acts of kindness in your community anonymously pay for someone else's haircut, lunch, train ticket, etc.



17 Buy thank you cards and gift cards to show your appreciation for people in your community teachers, veterans, fire fighters, assisted living staff, crossing guards, nurses



16 Donate food or money to an org that hosts summertime lunch programs for students



19 Donate to a crowdfunding for your favorite cause



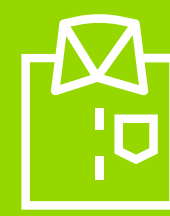
18 Offer to pay for a veteran's lunch or dinner



4 Buy gloves, scarves, and hats to donate to a community coat drive



6 Buy supplies for a school's "comfort closet" which provides students in need with items such as clothes, shoes and toiletries



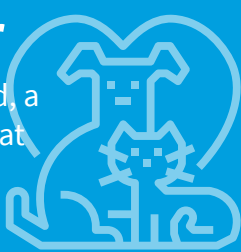
8 Use \$25 to gas up your car and offer to run errands for seniors, people in assisted living facilities or others with limited transportation



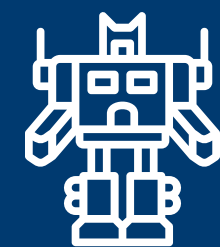
24 Donate a \$25 grocery store gift card to someone in need



10 Donate to an animal shelter \$25 can buy a 20lb bag of food, a pack of toys and a sleeping mat



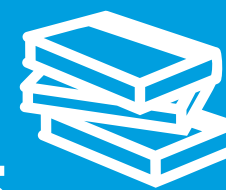
23 Buy toys for a holiday toy drive



5 Donate to an organization that helps teachers purchase classroom supplies such as Donor Choose, World Education, Reading Partners



25 Purchase books or supplies from a teacher's Amazon Wish List



11 Contact a local shelter and offer to buy operational supplies they need (ex: tissue, first aid items)



13 Buy decorations, refreshments or other items for a hospital that's hosting a birthday party for its patients



20 Pool your funds to pay off someone's holiday layaway bill

