

# PAY IT FORWARD

# 25 FOR \$25

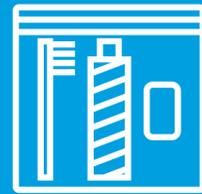
Ideas to add impact to your charitable giving

It doesn't take a big donation to make a big difference in your community. Here are 25 ideas for high impact giving, inspired by CohnReznick's Pay It Forward initiative. This annual program gives our employees an extra \$25 in their paychecks, and asks them to then pay it 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



**15** 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



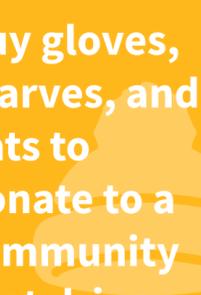
**19** Donate to a crowdfunding for your favorite cause



**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

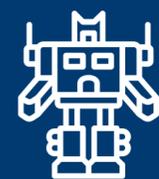


**10** Donate to an animal shelter

\$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

