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## *Steps in Developing a Mission Statement*

These questions will help and guide you in developing your own philanthropic mission statement.

1. How have you given to charity in the past? What, if anything, would you like to do differently?

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2. List your selected values:

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3. List your selected issues:

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4. Describe the difference you would like to make:

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5. Write down the relationships you see among your values and interests. Example: "My top three values are community, education and economic disparity and my top three issue areas are youth, poverty and education. The relationship I see is that in order for everyone to live in a just community, all students must have enough financial support, including access to technology and housing, to lead their lives to the fullest potential."

Your turn:

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6. Write your mission statement. Example: “I want to help bridge the gap of economic disparity that exists, and believe access to education, regardless of financial barriers, can help achieve economic redistribution. Therefore, I donate to organizations that help remove those barriers and create pathways to achieving a higher education.”

Your turn First draft of mission statement:

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Second draft of mission statement:

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Final draft of mission statement:

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