

**Pillar:** Entrepreneurship

**Topic:** Philanthropy

**Patch:** Philanthropist

**Suggested Supplies:** poster board or piece of construction paper, magazines, glue or tape, scissors, *What I Need and Want* worksheet (attached)



**Helpful websites:**

Google to research local, national, and global charity organizations

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma- *Food for Kids* video

<https://youtu.be/pzB9EmCG1Uk>

*The Story of the American Red Cross*- acts as a virtual guest speaker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY8EnLjDp-g>

Red Cross *Family Disaster Plan* Worksheet

[https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF\\_s/Preparedness\\_Disaster\\_Recovery/General\\_Preparedness\\_Recovery/Home/ARC\\_Family\\_Disaster\\_Plan\\_Template\\_r083012.pdf](https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF_s/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/General_Preparedness_Recovery/Home/ARC_Family_Disaster_Plan_Template_r083012.pdf)

Red Cross Monster Guard- gaming app that help kids prepare for an emergency

<https://www.redcross.org/monster-guard.html>

Overview

**-What is a Philanthropist?**

- A person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, especially by the generous donation of money to good causes
  - *A philanthropist* is someone who helps people in need.
  - Can you think of some things people might need help with?

**-Step 1: Learn What Every Person Needs**

- Do you know the difference between what you might want and what you actually need? Things you enjoy most like swimming pools, video games, going on trips, and new toys might *feel* like things you need, but are they really?
  - Activity: Knowing what you need helps you to know what everyone around you needs, too. Do the following activity to practice learning what is a want vs. what is a need.
    - Use the *What I Need and Want* worksheet to circle the things you feel like you need. Once you're finished, review these with a grown up to see if you picked all the "need" items pictured.
  - Activity: Make a *Wants vs. Needs* Collage
    - Go through your magazines and cut out 4 or 5 pictures of needs and glue them on one side of your poster board or construction paper. Cut out 4 or 5 pictures of wants and glue them on the other side of your poster board or construction paper. Share what you've learned with someone in your house, a Brownie friend, or your troop.

**-Step 2: Investigate How To Help People Who Are Hungry**

- Activity: Research a local food bank in your area.

- We realize that food is a basic need for everyone in order to be healthy and have energy. Sadly, many people in the world, even those right in our own communities, don't have enough to eat.
- A food bank is a community place where people can donate food to be shared with others who are hungry. With the help of a grown up, use the internet to research a local food pantry in your community.
  - Think about reasons why some people don't have enough food to eat. How does the food bank help?
  - What food related programs do they offer at your local food bank? Do they have backpack programs for school aged children, offer in person meals, food boxes, etc.
  - Think of ways that you could help make a difference. Would supporting this charity be something you and/or your troop would like to help with? Brainstorm ways you could take action and be a philanthropist to this charity.

### **-Step 3: Find Out How to Help People Who Need Clothes**

- Activity: Research 3 clothing-based charities- 1 local, 1 national, 1 global
  - We know food is a need, but we also need clothes. Clothes aren't just there to look nice; much like food, there are people in the world and right here in the community that don't have enough clothes.
    - Can you think of some reasons why clothes are such a necessity?
    - What types of clothes do you think people need to stay warm when it's cold and cool when it's hot?
    - Research 3 clothing-based charities. After you've found organizations that help, share them with your family and friends in case they'd like to get involved to help, too!

### **-Step 4: Know How To Help In Times Of Emergency**

- What is an emergency?
  - An emergency is a serious and often unexpected occurrence.
    - Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, floods, and earthquakes can all be considered outdoor emergency situations.
    - These types of emergencies often leave lots of families in need.
- Activity: Learn about a charity that helps in emergencies like the American Red Cross.
  - Watch the short video *The Story of the American Red Cross*
    - Brainstorm items families might need after being in an emergency.
  - If your family were to experience an emergency, what action steps might you take to make sure you remained safe?
    - Does your family have a safety plan in place in case of an emergency?
    - What job could you help with, or be in charge of, if your family were to ever experience an emergency?
      - You could help your caregiver by being in charge of your own belongings. Make sure you have your favorite book and/or toy, a change of clothes, a bottle of water and/or snack, charger(s) for your device(s), etc.
      - Do you have pets?

- You could be in charge of making sure your pet has its leash or carrier, some food and/or treats, it's favorite toy or blanket.
- With your grownup(s), you can review the Red Cross *Family Disaster Plan* worksheet to help make sure you and your family are prepared for an emergency.

**-Step 5: Think- and ACT- like a Philanthropist**

- Brainstorm ideas of how you can think and act like a philanthropist.
  - In what ways could you help a charity organization as either an individual or as a troop:
    - Donate Money
      - Find a charity or cause you believe in, then use your financial skills to create a plan that will help you save money to donate.
    - Organize a Great Food Donation
      - Donate food to a local food bank.
    - Host a Clothing-Donation Party (stay small, observe social distancing and wear your mask if meeting in person or organize a virtual party with porch drop off)
      - Host a party and instead of gifts, ask each guest to bring a coat or bag of clean clothes to donate.
- Educate your Brownie friends and your family.
  - Share what you've learned!
    - Talk to your friends and family about what you learned through this badge.
      - Maybe you and your family will decide you'd like to donate some of your funds or gently used clothes to a local charity.
      - When setting your troop goals for this year's cookie sale, think like a philanthropist!
        - What is a charity that means something to you and/or your troop? Contact them.
        - What supplies might they need and how much would that cost?
        - Create a budget for how much you want to spend and look at the cost of your donation items. Think like a Savvy Shopper (you could pair with a Junior friend to earn this step of their badge) when going to purchase items.

**\*Once completed, this badge can be purchased at the GSWESTOK Girl Scout shop for \$3.00 plus tax. This Brownie badge can be found in the Brownie badge section under the Entrepreneurship category:**

<https://www.girlscoutshop.com/WESTERN-OKLAHOMA-COUNCIL>

# What I **NEED** and **WANT**

Circle the things you need.  
Put a check mark next to  
the things you want.

