

# #GIVING TUESDAY

## IDEAS FOR

## Individuals, Families + Youth



### Pay for Someone's Meal

GivingTuesday landed on the ninth day of a Connecticut man's personal "26 Days of Kindness" challenge. He stopped at his favorite diner and [paid for a random couples' breakfast](#).

### Inspire Others With a Kindness Challenge

A University of California- Davis student, inspired by GivingTuesday, [committed to one act of kindness a day](#) for the month of December.

### Say Thanks to Your Local First Responders

A group in Long Beach, CA brought pizza and chocolate to their local fire department to show their gratitude for keeping their community safe.

### Plant the Seeds of Kindness in Your Community

Children from Kibera, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Nairobi, Kenya, painted rocks with encouraging messages and hid them for neighbors to find. They also left notes about how and why they give.

### Challenge Coworkers to Help Respond to Community Needs

When a Virginia woman heard that a local shelter needed winter coats, she challenged her officemates to meet their needs. The group delivered 135 coats on GivingTuesday.

*Giving = Time,  
Talent, Treasure, or  
Testimony*

### Encourage the Spirit of Generosity in Kids

Just like all Alaska residents, the Iverson family receives an annual distribution from the state's oil revenues. But what makes this family unique is [their tradition to get their kids involved in distributing that money to local nonprofits](#). The Iverson children were presented with a list of local nonprofits and their parents explained each organization's mission. When asked about why he chose one of the nonprofits to give to, young Jackson said, "I think it's a good idea to have shelters because people feel like they're being greeted. If I was one of those homeless people I would want to have shelter and have some food."

*When we share  
our generosity,  
we inspire others  
to give back too!*

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### Spread the Giving Beyond GivingTuesday

Through “12 Days of Khrimas,” which kicked off on GivingTuesday, Kris Middleton, of the Milwaukee Bucks, engaged in [twelve acts of service between GivingTuesday and Christmas Day](#), including surprising single mothers with a full-service spa day, providing a classroom makeover for an elementary school teacher, and donating moving supplies for a small business in Milwaukee. He also hosted a private screening of “The Grinch” for local youth in foster care, a holiday shopping spree for youth from Big Brothers Big Sisters, and hosted more than 200 students from the Milwaukee Public Schools’ Black and Latino Male Achievement program at a December Bucks game.

### Serve a Meal to People in Need

Detroit Lions tight end, Michael Roberts, defensive back, Charles Washington, and cornerback Jamal Agnew partnered with Q’doba to serve a meal to clients of Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit.

### Host a Community Dinner to Discuss Local Issues

The Health Democracy Coalition connected neighbors over mealtime conversations in their chapters across the US. Each dinner convened 5-15 people from across the political spectrum to talk about family, country, and philanthropy. The dinners helped to develop local learning communities. “In the absence of the traditional town square, we seek alternatives. When we connect in a safe space and break bread, we build relationships that are free from the distractions of politics. In this context we can learn and develop an appetite for new ways of connecting with each other.

### Create Care Bags for Children in the Hospital Over the Holiday

A 7-year-old Virginia girl collected gifts and toys for babies and infants who were spending the holiday season in the hospital.

### Fundraise for Your Favorite Cause

On GivingTuesday hundreds of thousands of people all over the world fundraised on behalf of their favorite nonprofit organization. A step above and beyond simply donating, fundraising for an organization helps spread the word about their mission amongst your friends and family and can be a gamechanger for a nonprofit that’s raising critical funds to do important work.

### Write Letters to Troops

A small business in California spend the day writing holiday cards and letters to US troops stationed abroad during the holidays.



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