WELCOME TO GIVINGTUESDAY

Your Family's Guide to GivingTuesday

One day. Endless ways to give.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement that began in 2012. Every year, people around the world come together to give back to their communities.

This guide offers simple, meaningful ways for families to celebrate generosity, spend time together and make a difference in their communities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Tuesday, December 1, 2026

3 Things to Know About GivingTuesday

1

Everyone can participate.

Every family member can take part, from young children to grandparents. No money or special skills required.

2

Generosity is more than donating.

Families can give their time, talents, support and care to people, animals and the planet.

3

One day can inspire a family tradition.

GivingTuesday can be the beginning of a giving practice your family enjoys throughout the year.

How Your Family Can Give

Time

Help someone together or spend time with a person who needs connection.

Talents

Share your family's creativity, skills or knowledge.

Support

Encourage someone, help a neighbour or support a community cause.

Care

Take action to help people, animals or the planet.

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10 Ways to Give as a Family

No money needed. Choose something your whole family can enjoy.

- [ ] PEOPLE
1 Start a Family Gratitude Circle
Gather together and take turns sharing something you appreciate about each family member.

- [ ] COMMUNITY
2 Help a Neighbour
Offer to help with a simple task, such as carrying groceries, raking leaves or tidying an outdoor space.

- [ ] PEOPLE
3 Create a Giving Jar
Write simple giving ideas on slips of paper. Let each family member choose one action to complete together.

- [ ] PEOPLE
4 Share a Family Skill
Teach someone outside your family something you're good at, such as cooking, gardening, art or technology.

- [ ] PEOPLE
5 Make Someone Smile
Create a thoughtful card, drawing or message for someone who could use encouragement.

- [ ] PLANET
6 Take a Giving Walk
Go for a family walk and safely collect litter along the way. Wear gloves and have an adult handle unsafe items.

- [ ] PLANET
7 Give Something a Second Life
Choose gently used toys, books or clothing your family no longer needs and offer them to someone who can use them.

- [ ] ANIMALS
8 Help Local Wildlife
Learn about an animal in your area and choose one safe way your family can help protect its habitat.

- [ ] PEOPLE
9 Reach Out Across Generations
Call, visit or send a message to an older relative, neighbour or family friend who would appreciate some connection.

- [ ] FAMILY
10 Create a Family Giving Promise
Choose one simple act of giving your family can do regularly after GivingTuesday.

Our 3 GivingTuesday Choices

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____

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10 Ways to Give Together

Invite friends, neighbours or other families to join you. Giving is even more fun together!

PLANET

1 Organize a Neighbourhood Cleanup

Invite other families to help clean up a park, playground or neighbourhood area. Provide adult supervision.

CONNECTION

2 Create a Community Gratitude Wall

Invite families to share messages of appreciation for people who make your community better.

PLANET

3 Host a Toy or Book Swap

Bring families together to exchange gently used toys and books, giving them a new home without spending money.

COMMUNITY

4 Organize a Community Giving Drive

Ask a local organization what items it needs, then invite families to contribute if they can.

PEOPLE

5 Create Cards for Seniors

Work together to make cards for residents of a local seniors' home. Contact the residence before delivering them.

COMMUNITY

6 Host a Family Skill-Sharing Day

Invite families to teach one another simple skills, games, crafts or practical activities.

PEOPLE

7 Plan a Family Helping Day

Bring families together to offer practical help to neighbours or community members who would welcome support.

PLANET

8 Start a Community Giving Garden

Work with other families to plant or maintain a shared garden, with permission from the property owner.

COMMUNITY

9 Volunteer as Families

Contact a local nonprofit to find family-friendly volunteer opportunities that welcome children.

LEADERSHIP

10 Start a 7-Day Family Giving Challenge

Invite other families to complete one meaningful act of giving each day for seven days. Share ideas and celebrate what everyone accomplishes.

FAMILY ORGANIZER TIP Keep activities flexible so children of different ages can participate. Make sure all activities are safe, supervised where needed and accessible to families regardless of their financial circumstances.

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Our GivingTuesday Action Plan

Choose your activity. Make a plan. Give together.

1 Our Family Giving Goal

What would we like to do together?

2 Who or What Are We Helping?

- [ ] People
- [ ] Animals
- [ ] The Planet
- [ ] Our Community

4 What Do We Need?

- [ ] Time
- [ ] Materials
- [ ] Helping Hands
- [ ] Permission
- [ ] Community Partners
- [ ] Other Support

3 Our Action Plan

What steps will we take? Check each one off when it's done.

1. ☐
2. ☐
3. ☐
4. ☐

5 Our GivingTuesday Results

What did we do? Who did we help? What did we learn?

6 How Did Giving Make Us Feel?

Circle one, then write or draw.

Happy Proud Connected Excited Unsure

WRITE OR DRAW HERE

Keep giving after GivingTuesday!

GivingTuesday is just the beginning. Discover more free family activities and resources to make giving part of your everyday life at 365give.ca.