

Exercise 2.6
Time, Talents, and Treasures

15–25 minutes

In the list below put a check mark next to each characteristic or item that is true for you. These may stimulate you to think of specific ways you want to share your abilities in the second part of the exercise.

- ☒ I can donate my professional skills to a nonprofit.
- ☐ My workplace has equipment or services or a meeting space I could offer to a nonprofit for their use.
- ☒ I'm good at organizing details and creating plans.
- ☐ I'm good at motivating people.
- ☒ I'm good at planning events and giving parties.
- ☒ I know many people in my community who might be good resources.
- ☒ I like to teach what I know.
- ☒ I am a good listener or writer.
- ☐ I have experience designing or administering Web sites.
- ☒ I am a supportive person to work with.
- ☐ I'm good with financial information.
- ☐ I like to raise money.
- ☐ I can translate or know people who can translate documents into other languages.
- ☐ I have graphic skills or artistic talents.
- ☒ I love kids or am good with elders.
- ☐ I am a passionate public speaker.
- ☐ I have ____ hours of time per week, or would be willing to take a day or more each month, to donate.
- ☐ Other: _____

Now look back at the top three values and issue areas you circled in Exercise 2.3. Think about the time, talent, and resources unique to you and your community that you can offer in working on those issue areas. For example, if you're a breast cancer survivor and one of your issue areas is breast cancer, you might write, "I have been through diagnoses and treatment and could help others know what to expect or simply provide support." Or, if you're passionate about electoral reform and belong to a civic group or business roundtable, you could invite a speaker on the topic to make a presentation.

Write a statement here of how you can offer your time, talents, and treasures:

I could organize events and parties where we can raise money to help fund more educational experiences for these girls. I also know many people within my community who could speak to these girls.