



Fidelity Investments “Let it Grow” Investment Patch

Investing in Others

PATCH PROGRAM

FOR DAISIES, BROWNIES, AND JUNIORS



GIRL SCOUTS OF THE GREEN AND WHITE MOUNTAINS
Serving New Hampshire and Vermont

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*“Philanthropy is a fancy way to say that you care about others and that you want to serve others.”
- Priscilla Chan, American pediatrician and philanthropist.*

When you invest in others, you are being caring and making the world a better place by helping others have a better future with your time, talent (skills), and treasures (items and money). To make sure you are using your resources wisely, discover how to help organizations and governments that serve others.

Steps

1. Save to help others
2. Learn how government helps others
3. Advocate for others' future

Purpose

When you've earned this patch, you'll know more about how to help others have a better future.

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For each step:

Daisies choose one activity • Brownies choose two activities • Juniors choose three activities

Step 1: Save to help others

Helping others reach their goals starts with research and a good plan. The choices you make today can help you give others a better future. When you save money to help an organization help others, there are benefits, which are good things that you get. But there are also costs, or bad things that happen, too. You also could decide to spend your money on other things. These trade-offs are called “opportunity costs.”

As you choose how to help others, think about your choices between the benefits, the costs, the opportunity costs, and what is most important to you.

- **Think about the opportunity cost of saving to help others.** Make a chart with four boxes. In the top left box write the good things (benefits) about saving to help others. In the box below, write a list of the costs, or bad things, about saving to help others. Now pick something else you could do with your money and write the benefits in the top right and the costs in the bottom right. Your chart tells you what your opportunity costs are for saving to help others or doing something else. Which will you pick?
- **Create a plan to save.** When you save your money or donations to help others, you are able to make a bigger difference. Your donation adds up over time. While \$1 or one can of food can help others, if you and 5 Girl Scout sisters each saved \$1 a week for 4 months, you’d have \$100 to give to help others. What else could you save and for how long? Talk with an adult or your Girl Scout sisters to create a plan to save.
- **Volunteer your time.** Sometimes the best way to use your money is to save it for other things. If you decide the opportunity cost of saving money for others is too big and you choose to use your money somewhere else, you can still help others by spending your time making the world a better place. Save time in your week to help out someone who needs a hand.

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Step 2: Learn how government helps others

Our communities have governments that provide goods and services to their people, the citizens. The governments pay for these goods and services from taxes. Taxes are required payments people make to the government. The government uses this tax money to help its citizens by building roads, providing police and fire departments, paying for health care, providing schools, and more.

Governments use different kinds of taxes to pay for different things. Income tax is a payment on the money you earn at a job. Property tax is a payment on the house and property you own. And some places have sales tax as a payment on the items you buy.

- **Find out what goods and services your local government provides.** Your local governments help their people, their citizens, by providing goods and services. This might include providing law enforcement, emergency services, roads, and schools. Research what your local government provides to its citizens.
- **Learn how your local government pays for services.** Your local government takes care of the people who live in its area, its citizens. But how do they pay for all of that? Visit your local government offices to find out which taxes your local government uses to pay for goods and services.
- **Create a list of things you would tax to help others.** Think about what you would charge a tax for to help others, if you were a government leader? What would you do to make your taxes fair? Do you have another way to make sure others get the goods and services they need? Talk about your list with an adult or your Girl Scout sisters.

Step 3: Advocate for others' future

Telling people that you believe in an organization's goals makes you an advocate for their future. You can use your voice to help them reach their goals when you share their message and your support.

- **Share a story.** Telling the story about the future goals of an organization that helps others gives their story a bigger voice. Use your voice to spread the goals of an organization through a story, video, or artwork. Share your creation with others.
- **Write a letter of support.** Show how much you support the goal of an organization by writing a letter to someone who can help them. Write about the organization and their goal, why it is important, and why you believe in them. Encourage the reader to help the organization reach their goal for the future.
- **Give a presentation.** Host a meeting or party with your Girl Scout sisters or on your own to share about the future goals of an organization. Invite their favorite supporters and people who can make their goals come true. Give a speech or presentation about the organization and their goals and ask for support from people.