Family Philanthropy Tips

To start 2012, consider making a site visit to one or more of the organizations you supported in 2011. Seeing the work you’ve helped to support is very powerful, and it makes grantmaking more meaningful to younger generations.

**Plan your site visits together.**

Working with your children, decide what you want to see on your site visits, and plan the questions you want to ask. In addition to learning how your grants helped, you might ask what volunteer opportunities are available. The Foundation will help to schedule the site visits, and our staff can provide you with sample questions to ask.

**Discuss what you learned through your family philanthropy.**

Ask each family member to share something about the family philanthropy experience. Questions to consider:

- What is one thing you learned by making these grants?
- What surprised you about supporting charitable causes?
- Would you like to volunteer for any of the causes we’ve supported?

**Encourage “show and tell” about your family philanthropic activities.**

Include a story and a picture about a charity you’ve supported in your family newsletter or on your family website. Post a story about your family charitable outing on your Facebook page. Sharing your experiences brings perspective to your activities, and leads by example.