



# CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Give, and it shall be given unto you . . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38 (KJV)

As you think about your financial part in “**Reach Forward & Beyond**”, consider that while we can’t all give equal gifts, we can all commit to equal sacrifice. Many people will say “if they only knew how little money I have,” or “I’m giving all I can, I can’t give any more,” or “I’m single, going to school, and I’m in debt up to my ears; I can’t give much,” or “I’m a single parent and I can barely feed my kids. There’s no way I can give to the campaign.” We understand that many of you are facing unique circumstances.

Coming up with extra cash per month may seem daunting, so here are some creative ways to give that you might not have considered. Each one requires some sacrifice on your part, but like King David said: “nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.” 2 Samuel 24:24 (NKJV)

## SAVE ON THE ESSENTIALS AND NON-ESSENTIALS

- 1 Cook more often and reduce or skip eating out.
- 2 Become a fan of your leftovers and pack your lunch instead of eating out.
- 3 Watch your favorite shows online and cancel your cable subscription.
- 4 Addicted to caffeine? Become your own barista and skip the line at Starbucks.
- 5 Do your own nails instead of paying for a manicure and pedicure.
- 6 Rent movies at home instead of watching them in the theater.
- 7 Get out the scissors and cut some coupons.

## GET YOUR KIDS INVOLVED

- 1 Ask them to start saving a portion of their allowance.
- 2 Create a penny jar and put spare change into it every week.

## ALTERNATE GIVING OPTIONS

- 1 Donate your stock or stock options. You’ll save on any capital gains taxes you might pay.
- 2 Donate your used vehicle. Stop paying for Non-Planned Operation fees (or registration and insurance) and put your wheels to good use.
- 3 Donate property. Have land or any type of property that you don’t need? We’ll take it.
- 4 Donate your income tax refund for the next two years.
- 5 Donate the amount of your next salary increase.