

Life Skills • Brownie

Badge Blueprint

Philanthropist badge

Purpose: This badge teaches Brownies how to help people in need.

Step 1: Find the difference between needs and wants.

Start a discussion on needs versus wants. You can find examples of the differences between the two at the link below. Next, gather magazines, newspapers or photos from the Internet and cut out images to make two different posters. Title one *Needs* and the other *Wants*. Glue or tape the pictures onto the appropriate poster. Look at the finished posters and discuss what you see.

- pbskids.org/itsmylife/money/managing/article2.html



Philanthropist: someone who makes sure others have what they need

Step 2: Investigate how to help people who are hungry.

Discuss how food is a basic human need and how many people don't have enough to eat. Take a field trip to a food bank or soup kitchen in your community and find out how they help people. Reach out to local churches and organizations like the St. Patrick Center, Operation Food Search, April Showers sites or an area food bank.

Step 3: Find out how to help people who need clothing.

Besides food, everyone needs clothes to stay warm or cool, but some people can't afford to buy new clothing. Look online and find at least one local organization and one global organization, like the Salvation Army, that are clothing-based charities. Find out how they help, how they get donations and who they help.

Step 4: Know how to help in case of emergency.

Use the link below to have a discussion about different kinds of emergencies, like fires, floods or tornadoes. Find someone who works in emergency response, like an emergency room doctor, Red Cross worker or firefighter, and invite them to share their story with the troop. Interview the worker about what they do and how they deal with disaster, either in-person or via Skype or phone.

- weather.com/safety

Step 5 on next page.

Remember, girls gain confidence and leadership skills through girl-led activities. Whenever possible, let the girls take charge when completing activities. Adult help is necessary for guidance, support and safety.

Step 5: Think – and act! – like a philanthropist.

Now it's time to take action! Discuss what it means to think and act like a philanthropist. Identify needs of people in your community, and what you can do to help. Create a plan using the chart below for how you will help, either by donating a certain amount of money, or sponsoring a collection drive to donate items to the organization.

Congratulations! You have now earned this badge!

Community Need	Ideas on how to help