

# Philanthropy

Giving of one's time, talent or treasure for the common good.

Kid Scoop regularly features topics related to money and financial literacy. Financial literacy means knowing how to spend, invest and save your money carefully. It also includes donating your time and treasure to make your community a better place. This is called philanthropy.

Read the article about a six-year old girl who became a philanthropist and helped her local zoo!

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**Kid Scoop** opens the doors of discovery for elementary school children by providing interactive, engaging and relevant age-appropriate materials designed to awaken the magic of reading at school, at home, and throughout their lives.

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## Kid Scoop Together: I'm a Philanthropist!

Are there ways you can help in your community? Work with a family member to complete the following:

### My Time

I have time during the week when I could do something kind for another person or help out the community. Check the boxes to show when you might have time to help.

- Recess
- Before School
- After School
- Saturday Mornings
- Saturday Afternoons
- Sunday Mornings
- Sunday Afternoons

### My Talent

What is your talent? Can you play a musical instrument? Can you sing or dance? Paint? Do you enjoy talking to people? There are many kinds of talents that help others. Make a list of your talents.

### My Treasure

Treasure isn't only money. You might have some toys, books or clothing you have that are in good condition and that you don't want anymore. Someone else may really treasure those! Make a list of items that you can donate.

## COVID Project: Save a Zoo!

In March of 2020, California's Oakland Zoo had to close its gates to \_\_\_\_\_ because of the coronavirus. By July, the zoo was still closed and it was in trouble.

A Castro Valley six-year-old named Andy learned that the Oakland Zoo was running out of \_\_\_\_\_ and might have to shut its doors forever. It made Andy sad, but it also made her think. An idea came to her.

**How a little girl raised big bucks to help save her favorite zoo.**

"My brain just told it to me," said Andy. "I thought I could make and give bead bracelets to people who \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 or more. My goal was to raise \$200."

Andy and her mother, Kelly, sent messages to friends and family who quickly donated and asked for bracelets.

### Big Idea Gets Bigger

Their friends and family did more than donate. They \_\_\_\_\_ Andy's project information to their friends and families. Those people sent the message to their friends and families. And so on, and so on until more than 4,000 people sent in donations.

In six short weeks, more than 4,000 people from all over the \_\_\_\_\_ made donations. About 900 of them wanted bracelets.

Fortunately, Andy's friends wanted to help. Andy made 500 bracelets and her friends made another 700.

How much did Andy's project raise? **It raised a whopping \$226,558!!!**



For helping to save the Oakland Zoo, Andy got thank you notes from a tiger and a grizzly bear!

Replace the missing words in this article.

- DONATED MONEY
- PAINT
- SALES
- FORWARDED
- BOTTLE
- VISITORS
- PRIVATE
- COUNTRY

According to the Oakland Zoo, Andy's fundraiser helped feed and care for the animals. Because the Zoo was closed from mid-March through the end of July, there were no ticket \_\_\_\_\_ or other ways to raise money. The animals still needed food and care, so Andy's fundraiser was VERY helpful.



The Oakland Zoo and the animals wanted to show their appreciation. Andy was given a \_\_\_\_\_ tour of the Zoo.

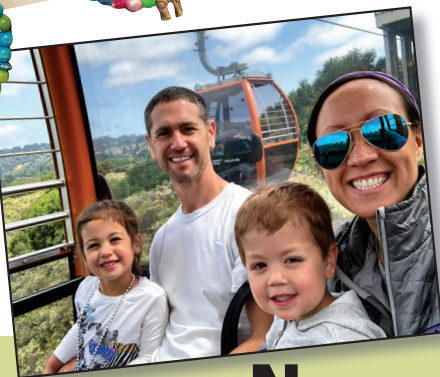
### Big Thanks

Andy got to see a new baby giraffe named Kijii and a huge tortoise. She got to pick out \_\_\_\_\_ for a grizzly bear to make a painting, just for her. She also got to

feed a tiger a \_\_\_\_\_ of goat milk!

Andy was also interviewed by Kelly Clarkson for her TV show!

What is Andy's advice for other kids who want to help? "All you need to do is have an idea and just start helping!"



Andy and her family enjoying a bird's-eye view aboard the Oakland Zoo's gondola ride.

## News Quiz

1. What is the name of the zoo helped by Andy's money?
2. In which city does Andy live?
3. What did Andy charge for her bracelets?
4. How did the zoo use the money Andy raised?
5. What kind of animal did Andy feed with a bottle of goat milk?

**Extra! Extra!**

## A Letter is a Gift

Look through the newspaper for people who are working hard to care for others in your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

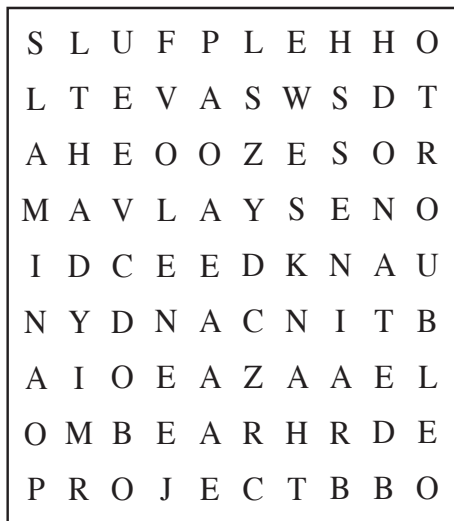
Can you find the tiger that's different?



## Double Double Word Search

- BRACELETS  
DONATED  
ANIMALS  
HELPFUL  
PROJECT  
TROUBLE  
THANKS  
MONEY  
CLOSE  
BRAIN  
ANDY  
IDEA  
SAVE  
BEAD  
ZOO

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TALENT**

The noun **talent** means a natural skill or ability.

Vivien showed her **talent** for watercolor painting by creating a portrait of the teacher.

Try to use the word **talent** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Find a Philanthropist

Look through the newspaper for three people who help others. Cut out and glue the articles onto a piece of paper. Under each, write what they gave and tell whether it was time, talent, treasure or more.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why did the clown donate his piggy bank to charity?

ANSWER: It was a nice jester.

## Write On!

### Start a New Business

If you could start a business, what would it be? How do you know if people need what your business offers? Explain why you would start this business.