



How to Bring Giving Hearts Day to Your School

A Step-by-Step Guide for GHD School Coordinators

First of all, **thank you for volunteering** to be the GHD coordinator at your school! The success of Giving Hearts Day relies on people like you believing in our community.

We would love for you to use Giving Hearts Day as a fun and accessible resource to introduce concepts of philanthropy, purpose, and servant leadership to your students. It also creates a give back culture within the walls of your own school. We want your participation as a Giving Hearts School to suit your unique culture and fit your capacity to take on additional programming.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

The Steps

To help make this process simple, easy, and joyful for you, follow these **four easy steps** to bring Giving Hearts Day to your school:

- **Step 1: Determine Scale & Activity**
- **Step 2: Sign Up for Updates**
- **Step 3: Craft the Calendar**
- **Step 4: Organization & Activation**

Friendly reminder: This is just a recommendation - we encourage you to do what works best for you! So how do you do this? Read on, my friend!

How To Do This

Next we'll break down these four easy steps and provide the materials or templates to help you complete them. And as Bruce Lee said "Absorb what is useful. Discard what is not. Add what is uniquely your own."

- **Step 1: Determine Scale & Activity**

- First things first, how many students are you planning to engage? This will help determine an activity.
- Review the curriculum page to find something that works for your students, or just use it for inspiration. We've provided activities in a variety of engagement levels, so whether you're looking for a quick activity or video to introduce the day, or something a little more in depth to help students discover a cause they're passionate about, we've got you covered!
- As with anything in life, things are so much better when they are shared! If you are taking on an all-school project, recruit a buddy or two (maybe a student team!) at your school to join you on your GHD Action Team (or whatever creative group name you decide on!). Working together to bring Giving Hearts Day to your school increases the FUN and spreads out the workload.

- **Step 2: Sign Up for SWAG**

- Use the link below to tell us a little bit about yourself, your school, and what you plan to do this year.
- Hit send and kick back!
- Submitting your plan puts a few fun things into motion:
 - It lets us know you want a fun SWAG bag with posters, table tents and buttons.
 - You will be enrolled in informational emails. The first one will include all the downloads from the GHD Curriculum website so you don't have to figure out how you got to that page in the first place. All that wonderful info will be right at your fingertips and you'll be able to forward that to any other teachers who might want to get their hands on it as well!
- [CLICK HERE to get updates and share your plan with us](#)

- **Recommended Timeframe:** Sign Up for SWAG by January 20. We will have options to come and pick up materials or we can see if we can deliver them to your school.

- **Step 3: Craft the Calendar**

- It is now time to organize the work that came out of your activity planning in Step 1. In Step 3, you will put together a calendar for your activities about Giving Hearts Day.
 - For those doing an activity included in the Giving Hearts Day Curriculum, there are teachers notes that give an outline of a timeline.
 - If your school or classroom is going to WEAR & SHARE, be sure to post activities in school calendars.
- If you sign up for promotional materials you can expect pick up dates at the end of January. [Sign up to get updates here!](#)

- **Step 4: Organize and Energize!**

- The most important step, it is GO TIME for rallying the troops and activating your school!
- Starting on February 7th, we'd love your school or classroom to create excitement and energy around Giving Hearts Day, depending on how your school chooses to get involved.
- Reminders for Giving Hearts Day and how to get involved are critical for February 7, 8, and 9. (February 9, 2023 is Giving Hearts Day)
- Celebrating Giving Hearts Day is an incredible way to bring meaning and purpose to the culture of your school, to bring your students together, and to feel joyful about helping those in need. That is what Giving Hearts Day is all about, so don't be afraid to get into the spirit!
- **Recommended Timeline:** Organize and Energize on February 6, 7, 8, & 9

Be sure to sign up for the Giving Hearts Day SWAG! This also signs you up to get helpful tips, inspiration, and materials delivered to your inbox!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

You Are Amazing!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being a part of the Giving Hearts movement and for bringing GHD to your school. We hope that you find this opportunity joyful and fulfilling for both you and your students. We also hope that you know the substantial difference you are making in the lives of others through helping us to invite more people to connect with and support our local charities. We couldn't do this without YOU.

With sincere gratitude,
Your GHD Team



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