**giving back to your community**

Giving back to your community can be a rewarding and fun experience. It is something you can do individually or together as a family. When it comes to volunteering it can be a bit overwhelming to get started. Before committing to a volunteer position there are a few things to consider:

1. Time Commitment- How much time do you want to spend volunteering? One hour a week, one Saturday a month, a few times a year?

3. What are you passionate about? If you are passionate about the organization or cause you are much more likely to enjoy the time you spend volunteering.

3. What are your strengths? Do you have a specific skill that you would like to utilize when volunteering? It could be working as a volunteer to help with event planning, construction, working with children, helping people with finances, organizing, etc.

4. Once you have narrowed down these questions down, find an organization to volunteer with.

Volunteering can be a great experience, but don’t get discouraged if the first time you try it or the first organization you volunteer with doesn’t work out. If you don’t enjoy it or the time commitment is too much don’t give up just find something that is a better fit for you and your schedule. There are many benefits to volunteering. It helps you get connected in your community, you have the opportunity to give back and it looks great on a resume! It is also a great way to spend time as a family.

Warmly,

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