


Conversation Starters

For the car, dinner table, bedtime, etc.

- What makes someone a hero?
- What makes a “good citizen?”
- What is the greatest gift you ever received?
- What is the greatest gift you ever gave?
- If you could solve one problem in your town / world what would it be?
- When you get to the end of your life and look back what will you say about yourself?
- What most troubles you about the world? What most delights you?
- You have a million dollars to give away in a month. What would you do? How would you do it differently if you had 5 years to give it away?
- What is a nonprofit?
- How do nonprofits help us? Why do they exist?
- What jobs are “helping” jobs?
- What is a “social entrepreneur?”

- What is a philanthropist? How much money does someone need to have to be a philanthropist?

ANSWER: "Philanthropy" literally means the love of human kind. A philanthropist is someone who gives or shares their time, talent, and treasure (T3) to improve the quality of life in their community and the world. It's not how much money you have, but how much you care and choose to act to make a difference.

- What top 3 jobs would you want to have when you are older? How can you volunteer now to get to know more about those jobs?

Example: I want to be a vet. I can volunteer at the animal shelter.

Example: I want to be an artist. I can volunteer to lead or help out with children's workshops at the local art museum.

- What job would you do even if you weren't paid?
- You have 5 dollars to give away. How could you make that \$5 go the farthest / do the most good?
- Imagine what you would say to community leaders about your town or city if you had the chance.
- Imagine what you would say to world leaders about our world if you had the chance.