

Exercise 2.5
Making Choices

20 minutes

1. How should I make the important decisions of where to allocate my philanthropic dollars?
 - Should I get help from other family members or friends, or from people who may be more active in the community or knowledgeable than I am at this time?
 - Should I share the responsibility and privilege of decision making or giving with others who are from the communities I aim to serve?

2. How will I get the information I need? How much can I find out on the Internet, and how much time will I spend doing so? To answer any remaining questions, how much time will I allocate?

3. How much time overall will I devote to my giving: about the same as I do now? More than I have been? Should I give additional time to engage or partner with others?

4. How much money shall I give? Will this money come from income only, or could I raise or give more from other sources? Shall I discuss the options I might have with a trusted advisor?