

# You **don't** have to be rich to be generous.

#### ACCEPTING GENEROSITY

Generosity is a two-step process

- > Be generous
- > Allow others to be generous to you.

Accepting generosity in the right spirit:

- > Is not selfish or self-centred.
- > Has no shame or guilt
- > Is accepting an act of love
- > Helps us live a full life
- > Brings a greater sense of joy.

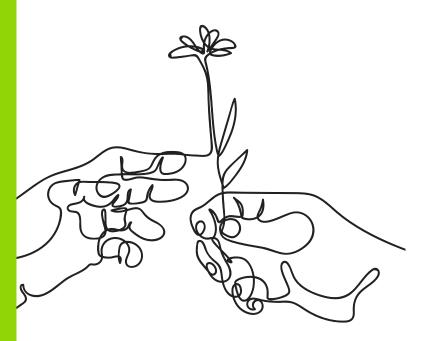
The Twelve Pillars of Usher Group consist of 12 intention spread out over a period of 12 months.	
JANUARY	<b>Gratitude and Reflection</b> Reflect on the year past and express gratitude an reflection for the future year ahead.
FEBRUARY	<b>Love</b> Valentine's Day 14th February
MARCH	Happiness International Day of Happiness 20th March International Womens Day 8th March
APRIL	<b>Truth</b> International Day for the Right to the Truth 24th Mar
	<b>Creativity</b> World Creativity and Innovation Day 21st April Mother Day 2nd Sunday of May
	Awareness World Environment Day 5th June World Ocean Day 8th June Global Day of Parents 1st June International Children's Day 1st June
	Forgiveness National Day of Forgiveness 7th July
	Accountability

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AUGUSTAccountability<br/>International Day of Worlds Indigenous People<br/>9th August<br/>World Humanitarian Day 19th AugustSEPTEMBERGenerosity<br/>International Day of Charity 5th SeptemberOCTOBERKindness<br/>World Kindness Day 13th November

- NOVEMBER **Compassion** World Compassion Day 28th November
- DECEMBER **Family** Holiday Season is a time of Family





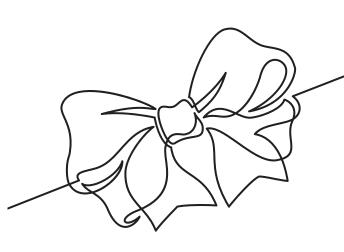
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## GENEROSITY

### **GENEROSITY IS:**

- Giving freely without expecting anything in return
- > Being kind; selfless
- The offering of talent, time or treasure (money)
- > Connected to Charity and Virtue
- > A desirable quality to have
- Not based on amount of wealth but quality of character
- > The antidote to greed

### GENEROSITY IS GOOD FOR YOU

- > Keeps mental health and wellbeing stable
- > Triggers parts of the brain associated with trust and social connection
- > Brings pleasure
- > Establishes and affirms sound relationships

#### Generosity can be contagious

- > Improves happiness of others
- > In turn, brings joy to self
- > Inspires others to follow your lead
- Becomes contagious, resulting in more interactions and less loneliness

#### Becoming Generous

- > Giving gifts
  - Holidays
  - Birthdays/anniversaries
  - Acknowledge achievements
  - Because we feel like it
  - Out of love
- > Random acts of kindness
  - Writing gratitude note/email
  - Buying someone lunch/coffee
  - Offering to do something

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- > Like regular exercise, and a healthy diet, generosity can increase life span
- > Reduces stress
- > Supports the immune system
- > Enhances sense of purpose
- > Natural confidence booster
- > Helps in success of tasks
- Reduces feelings of isolation and depression
- > Shifts focus away from self; less selfish

