

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.

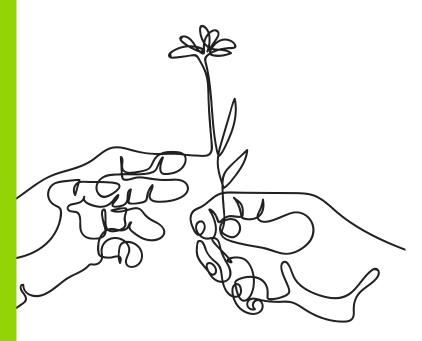
| The Twelve Pillars of Usher Group consist of 12 intention spread out over a period of 12 months. | |
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| JANUARY | Gratitude and Reflection Reflect on the year past and express gratitude an reflection for the future year ahead. |
| FEBRUARY | Love Valentine's Day 14th February |
| MARCH | Happiness International Day of Happiness 20th March International Womens Day 8th March |
| APRIL | Truth International Day for the Right to the Truth 24th Mar |
| | Creativity 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
International Day of Worlds Indigenous People
9th August
World Humanitarian Day 19th AugustSEPTEMBERGenerosity
International Day of Charity 5th SeptemberOCTOBERKindness
World Kindness Day 13th November

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





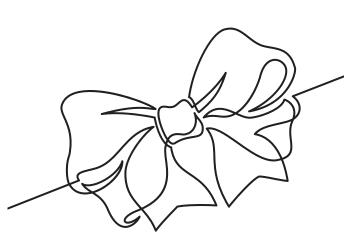
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GENEROSITY

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

