**Grade 11: Community Building**

**Activity I: Causes Auction**

Learning Target: I can identify charitable causes that are important to me.

**Below is a list of charitable causes.**

**How important are these causes to you?**

* **Imagine you had $1,000 to spend at an auction.**
* **Decide how much money you would bid for the causes that are most important to you. (You can bid in increments of $100.)**
* Each cause on the list will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Each advisee will have $1,000 to spend during the auction. (The starting bid for each characteristic is $100, and advisees can bid only in increments of $100.)
1. Begin by prioritizing each cause on your paper.
2. As a group, decide if there are any charitable causes you would like to add (& add them to the list)
3. On your paper, note how much you are willing to bid for each cause.
4. Have one person call out the causes and take bids.
5. Keep track of the causes that are sold and how much was donated to each cause.

**Charitable Causes**

* A local Homeless Shelter
* PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)
* A local Food Bank
* A local Soup Kitchen
* Feeding America (a national hunger relief charity)
* Animal Shelters
* Animal Rescues
* A local hospital
* St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital
* March of Dimes
* Harvest Home (assists pregnant homeless women)
* A specific illness (Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer’s Disease, etc.)
* Autism Speaks
* The Veteran’s Hospital
* Wounded Warrior Project
* A Senior Center
* A school (a preschool, etc. that is in need of supplies)
* A church or religious group
* A political campaign
* The Clean Water Foundation (a charity that brings clean water to people in developing countires)
* Unicef (assists children in need worldwide)
* Make a Wish Foundation
* Disaster Relief fund
* An Immunization charity
* The American Red Cross
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**Reflection**

After all of the causes have been given “donations”, discuss and answer the following questions.

a. Which were the most valued causes?

b. Did you win the auction for your most valued causes?

c. Why are these causes so important to you?

d. Was there a bidding war for a certain causes? Why?