

# Be A Philanthropist

## Materials:

- Tree Trunk Worksheet found on page 2.

## Want to tie this into a badge?

Brownie Give Back  
Brownie Philanthropist  
Cadette Think Big



A philanthropist is a person who helps others by giving time and/or money to a good cause. Did you know you can be a Philanthropist? The Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are all about Philanthropy. By completing a project, you can make a difference in your community or worldwide!



## Steps:

1. Think about a problem in your community. Write it down on the tree trunk. For example “polluted neighborhood park” or “students come to school without eating breakfast”.
2. Think about some of the root causes of the problem, and why it happens. Write it down on the roots. You may come up with ideas on your own, and you can do some research online, too. Try contacting experts to get their opinions.
3. Now we want to think about what we can do to help fix the problem. Write these ideas in the branches.
4. Things you can do to help fix a problem can be big and involve a fundraising event. Or it could be as simple as writing a letter to a government official asking for change. It all depends on how you want to solve it!

