Group Project: Funding Charities

You will collaborate with two or three classmates in promoting a charity of your choice. You will provide the following:

* Proposal (2 pages/group)
* 5-10 minute presentation
  + Google slide presentation-min of 6 slides
  + Outline of the group presentation, which details each member’s contribution
  + Minimum of 5 verbal references to your sources
  + Works cited page of at least ten sources
* Individual reflection (1 page/person)

**PROPOSAL (due April 16/17 on Google Classroom):**

You will write a proposal which will include:

* The purpose of the charity
* What the money funds
* How much of the money actually funds the projects (versus administration, publicity, etc)
* The effectiveness of the projects: what good has the charity done?

Your proposal should be concise: no more than two pages, double spaced. You should establish the problem and prove how the charity is addressing and fixing the problems. Establish why it is a worthy cause and deserving of greater funds

**PRESENTATION (due April 24/25 on Google Classroom/hard copy):**

The presentation will cover the same basic information as the proposal but should be tailored to your audience instead of to me. The Google Slide presentation will be due on Google Classroom, but you will give me a hard copy of the outline and works cited sheet, which I will grade as you give your presentation.

Each class member will be “given” $100,000 to invest in their classmates’ featured charities. Students are not allowed to fund their own projects and will have to defend their choice of charity or charities in a concise but thorough half page to page of writing, citing evidence presented during class.

**REFLECTION (due May 2/3 on Google Classroom):**

After the presentations, each member of the group will evaluate their own project and reflect upon the process and outcome of the presentation (1 page minimum)

* How well did you work as a team, did you learn anything from having to collaborate?
* What were your goals for the presentation?
* What was the process for achieving the goals?
* Do you feel you met your goals? Why/why not?
* What would you have done differently?
* What was the most important thing you took from working on this project?

As far as getting ideas for charities…

You might have watched a documentary featuring a charity. You might search for something you are interested it…providing clean water to third world countries, providing education, providing food, healthcare/medicine, etc. There are also organizations that keep track of charities. Don’t trust just one group’s assessment of charities; I would look into a number of these kinds of sites:

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/>

<http://www.consumerreports.org/charities/best-charities-for-your-donations/>

<https://www.charitywatch.org/top-rated-charities>

<https://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/Where-to-Donate>

<https://www.realsimple.com/work-life/money/list-charities>

<http://247wallst.com/special-report/2016/12/20/the-best-charities-to-donate-to-this-year/>