Benefits of Service-Learning and Philanthropy Education

**Service-Learning**: Teaching and learning strategy that combines real-world application of academic skills and content with service to the community. Stages of Service-Learning: (IPARDE) Investigation; Preparation; Action; Reflection; Demonstration; Evaluation

**Philanthropy Education**: Teaches philanthropy history, culture, values, vocabulary of philanthropy – giving time, talent, or treasure for the common good. Students feel more ownership in their learning and demonstrate a more giving role in the classroom and community when guided through giving and service.

Philanthropy education brings to life the why and how we give, while Service-Learning provides a methodology for taking meaningful action.

**What are the Benefits of Service-Learning/Philanthropy Education?**

- **Students gain**:
  - 21st century skills: critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, decision-making, collaboration, and communication
  - Real-world experience connected to academic subjects
  - Greater sense of the purpose for learning
  - Deeper understanding of themselves and empathy and respect for others
  - Opportunities to explore skills and interests and to network for career readiness
  - Guided practice in taking action as socially responsible global citizens
  - Increased self-efficacy as they address community needs

- **Schools gain**:  
  - Deeper connection between academics knowledge and real-world applications
  - Increased pro-social behavior and student engagement
  - An effective drop-out prevention strategy
  - A focus on school improvement
  - Improved school climate
  - Positive school-community relationships

- **Communities gain**:
  - Energy and creativity of youth in addressing communities needs
  - Opportunities to build positive relationships between community and schools
  - New perspectives on youth as assets, not liabilities
  - New generation of caring and experienced citizens, activists and volunteers – tomorrow’s civic leaders
  - Increased public awareness of key issues