

## Worksheet 4: Philanthropic Style

Knowing your philanthropic style—your preferences for making a difference—gives you a clearer way to say yes or no as requests to give or get involved increase. Take time to reflect on these questions about your style. There are no right or wrong answers and it is OK to skip a question if it doesn't feel helpful.

**1. Which of these classic philanthropic traditions most closely connect with your motivations, principles, and priorities? Rank them starting with 1 as the top priority.**

- Relief** (alleviate suffering)
- Improvement** (maximize potential)
- Social Reform** (change policy, practice, systems)
- Civic Engagement** (build community, give voice)
- Innovation** (support risk, discovery, experimentation)
- I don't have a preference.** I will always let the nonprofit or community guide me on the tradition most needed.

**2. Along each continuum below, place a dot that best represents how you hope your philanthropy looks and feels in the next few years.**



**3. Why did you choose the answers to questions 1 and 2? How do you see your answers connecting with your motivations, values, and priorities from worksheets 1-3?**