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History: The Learning to Give program was the first K-12 curriculum project of its kind in the nation. LTG was launched in 1997 by the Council of Michigan Foundations with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Lilly Endowment, as a project to infuse academic content about philanthropy and service-learning into the curriculum. LTG educated youth, ages 5-18, through free teacher developed and tested lesson plans, activities, and resources about the sharing of time, talent and treasure. In 2004, LTG became a supporting organization of CMF with the purpose of expanding both nationally and internationally. In 2006 LTG merged with The LEAGUE, a New Jersey based school an web-based system for service learning. The LEAGUE – Curriculum Powered by Learning to Give launched nationally in 2007, with the help of partners JetBlue Airways, Cartoon Network, Parade Magazine, and others.

Collection description summary: The Learning to Give records collection documents the beginning of the program with the K-12 Education in Philanthropy Project up to its merger with The LEAGUE. The collection includes proposals for programs, lesson plans and grants, funding and budget information, business plans, meetings with the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and Steering Committee, newspaper clippings, various publications on philanthropy and education, and artifacts including T-shirts, pins and awards.

Arrangement: This collection is separated into three series: 1) Program materials, 2) Minutes, 3) Artifacts
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