HISTORY TIMELINE

TRADITIONS, TRENDS, AND THE FUTURE IN PHILANTHROPY

FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families

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SELECTED PHILANTHROPIC ANTECEDENTS

2300 BC
Harkhuf, an Egyptian noble, has record of charitable acts inscribed on walls of tomb.

1500 BC
Egypt records its works of charity in The Book of the Dead.

1335
Moses Maimonides is born in Spain; a Jewish rabbi, scholar, philosopher, and physician, he creates Golden Ladder on code of charity.

200,000 BC
Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius makes law that perpetuities can receive bequests.

321 - 325
Constantine the Great, emperor of Roman Empire, makes Christianity official religion; mandates public welfare be transferred to Church; Ecumenical Council of Nicea commands each town to create Church or other auspices to aid unfortunate

622 - 632
Muhammad, the Prophet, organizes the commonwealth of Islam.

1559 - 1776
League of Fрегia founded to promote peace.

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Congress passes law—equal pay for equal work in federal employment

Ratification of 15th Amendment—right to vote

First large modern luxury ocean liner launched

Yellowstone National Park established as first national park

St. Louis, Missouri, opens first public school kindergarten

Great Railroad Strike

Battle of Little Big Horn

- First railroad strike

- First large ocean liner

- First practical phonograph

- First public school kindergarten

- Women's Christian Temperance Union

- Women's Home Missionary Society in U.S. established in Buffalo

- First great secular organization of urban philanthropy

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### American Political Science Association

- **1900 - 1904**
  - Carry A. Nation begins prohibition crusade
  - William James - The Varieties of Religious Experience

### National Child Labor Committee

- Theodore Roosevelt elected President (second term)
- National Reclamation Act passed by Congress

### Industrial Workers of the World

- San Francisco earthquake kills 700...
- Oklahoma admitted as 46th state

### Rockefeller Sanitary Women's Nobel Peace Prize

- William H. Taft elected President
- First White House Conference on Care of Dependent Children—recommends creation of federal children's agency, unanimously affirms "family preservation"
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| 1981 | Safe Sex: 22,000 case-making foundations in the U.S. can be cited.
| 1982 | W. T. Grant Foundation Faculty Scholars Program in mental health of children.
| 1983 | Walter Annenberg gives $500 million to fund joint Annenberg/Corporation for Public Broadcasting Project.
| 1984 | First report of AIDS or HIV virus in U.S. by the CDC.
| 1985 | National Center for Children's Foundation.
| 1986 | Youth Service America.
| 1987 | National Youth Service Day begins on April 21st.
| 1989 | California: First report of AIDS or HIV virus in U.S. by the CDC.|

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