

## Pillars of Purposeful Philanthropy

**VISION:** *Until I know myself, the blinders of the past obscure the pathways to significance. To clearly see the needs of others as well our opportunities to make the world a better place, I must first know myself. To know who I am, I must first ask who am I.....and then who am I not to be.*

**ABUNDANCE AND GRATITUDE:** *We give and share with love so that gratitude can unlock the fullness of life. We trust in the paradox of the law of abundance -- by sharing and giving our lives are made richer. There are two keys to the treasure chest of generosity. With one key we impart freely of both material resources and spiritual plenty. With the other we gratefully accept all that comes back.*

**PURPOSE AND FOCUS:** *Vision and purpose are keys to our philanthropic journey--a journey which takes us from mere givers of money to impactful and purposeful philanthropists. We focus our strategies and leverage our efforts to make our philanthropic vision real and congruent with our family's shared purpose(s).*

**COMPASSION:** *We enhance and empower our fellowmen through purposeful gifts. We resist any impulse which would demean or create dependency.*

**LEGACY:** *As stewards of our family's wealth, we gratefully acknowledge all we have received from the prior generations as well as the wealth we are "borrowing" from the future generations of our family. We repay both debts through service and example. We trust this shared philanthropic journey will create compassion, resiliency and purposeful self-sufficiency in the next generations of our family.*

**COMMITMENT AND PASSION:** *Our philanthropic passion for the causes we embrace creates the enthusiasm and devotion which will ultimately change lives and make the world a better place. We marvel at the interconnectedness of mankind and the interrelatedness of all cultures and communities. There can be no peace and joy for us until we see peace and joy for you too*

**Good** people treat others as **they would like to be treated.**

**Generous** people treat others **better** than they would like to be treated

**Wise** people do not indulge in being either *good* or *generous*. Instead, they treat people as they **need to be treated** – Sufi Proverb