



Creating a Generous Family Culture

Simple ways to help your kids practice generosity





Introduction

As parents or grandparents it's our job to help shape kids into successful, compassionate, and generous human beings. The good news is—kids have a natural inclination to help others! Our job is to nurture and direct kid's hearts towards practical and consistent ways to be generous which will lead to lifelong practices.

While that can sound like an overwhelming challenge, it begins with conversations, asking questions, and leading by example. This ebook provides a discussion guide, tangible ways to practice generosity, and more for your kids and grandkids of all ages. As we move into the season of giving, use this book as a guide to spark the spirit of generosity in your children and your family as whole.

Start The Conversation

10 conversation starters for kids of any age to open up discussions about community needs, giving back, and finding causes that matter to them.

Ages 5–10

- What's one thing you can do today to make someone else's day better?
- Did a friend at school need help today? What's a way you might be able to help them next time?
- How has someone helped you and how did it make you feel to get help?
- We're so lucky to have a roof over our head and food to eat. How do you think it would feel to not have access to those things?
- What's something you think we can do to help our neighbors in need?





Ages 10+

- Why do you think it's important to help others? Can you think of a time you needed help and received it?
- What gifts and abilities do you have that could help other people?
- What do you think the needs are in our community?
- Which of those needs resonates with you the most?
- What are some ways we can help contribute to that cause with the means we have?



Start By Demonstrating

12 simple ways you can tangibly practice generosity with kids.

1.

Have them donate a portion of their allowance to a cause of their choice.

2.

Put together care packages and deliver them to organizations who are serving the homeless.

3.

Have a lemonade stand (or yard sale for older kids) and donate all the earnings to a non-profit of their choice.

4.

Have them bake something to deliver to an elderly neighbor.

5.

Let them pick out canned food for the local food pantry.

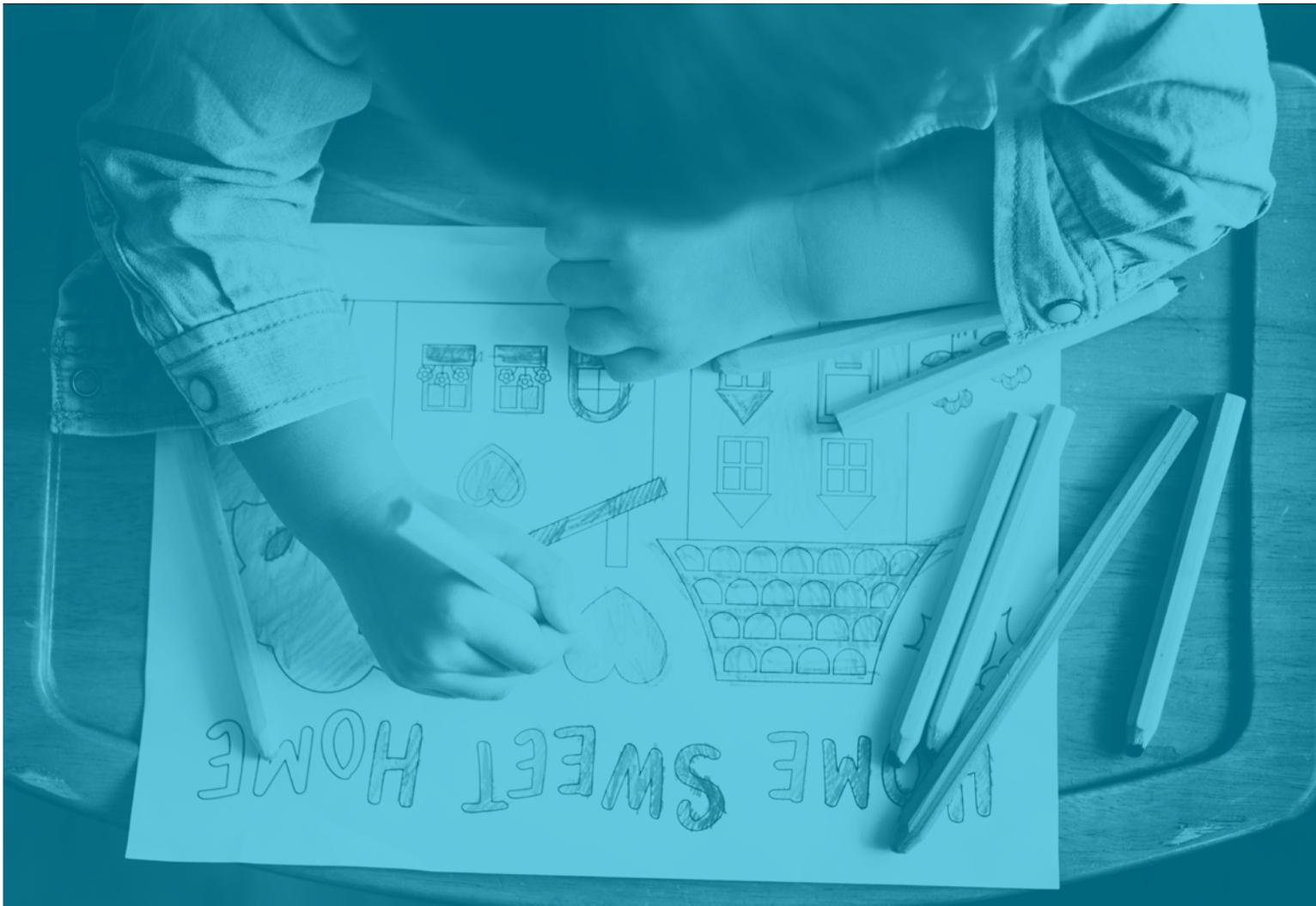


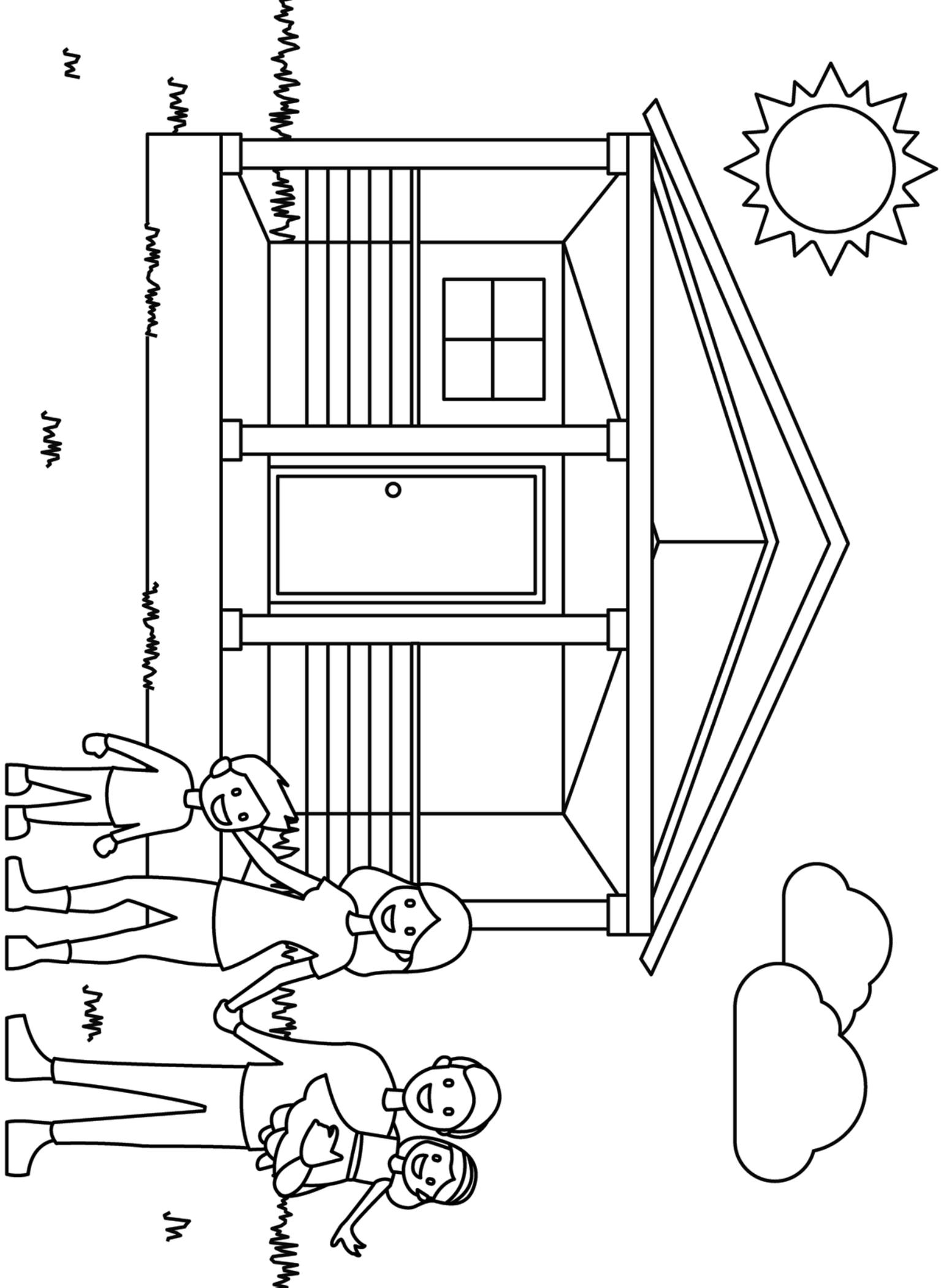
6. Choose a social good organization to volunteer at on a regular basis.
7. Help them put together and host a food drive.
8. Find a charity walk and participate in it together.
9. Offer to run errands or do yard work for a neighbor in need together. (New parent, elderly, dealing with an illness, etc.)
10. Pick out new toys to donate to children in need or at local children's hospitals.
11. Go through their closet together and collect any items they no longer want or need for donations.
12. Keep a jar in your home for loose change or extra money to be donated at the end of each month. Decide when a certain event happens (Getting a good grade, completing a chore, etc) your child will be rewarded with money to put into the donation jar. Make it a competition on who can raise the most or rotate who gets to pick the organization the donations go to. Making it a fun and consistent part of your lives can lead to a lifelong habit of giving back.

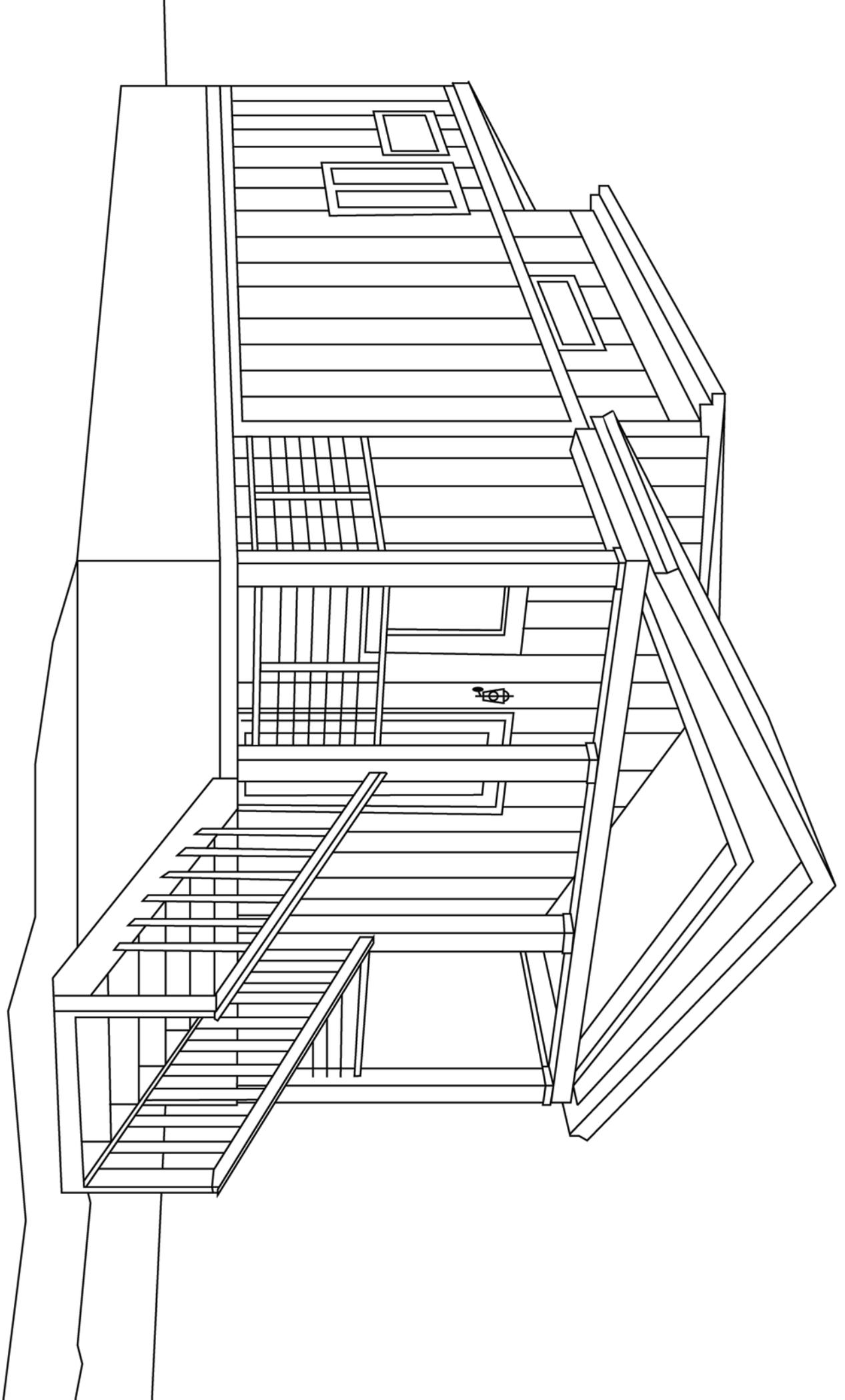


Generosity Crafts

Print out these coloring pages as a drawing activity. These tiny home sketches are based on the Elevate Branson tiny home project to end homelessness.









What is Elevate Branson?

Elevate Branson is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving our community by providing a variety of outreach and support services to those who are struggling. Weekly outreach, job skills training, accessible healthcare, and fellowship opportunities help restore faith, hope, love, and dignity necessary for lasting change. With this help and support families can lift themselves out of poverty and thrive for generations to come.

*Our latest dream for Branson is **Elevate Community.***

Imagine a village of 48 individual homes that provide clean, safe, stable, and affordable housing in Branson. This community will be an efficient and attractive housing solution with a philosophy of work. Multiple microbusinesses, job training opportunities, and mentorship relationships provide a productive and dignified living environment, as well as relationships with co-workers, friends and neighbors. A real community is more than housing, it's a place to call home.

Imagine no more sub-standard, inadequate motel room living in our area, replaced by a fresh, safe and positive sense of community. Secure housing meets an essential and fundamental need, reduces motel living and

homelessness, lifts individuals and elevates our whole community.

Be among the first to support this vision of hope for our neighbors who struggle in, or on the edge of poverty.

Help us Elevate Branson with this proven solution to a growing problem in our area. We can rise to the challenge of adequate and affordable housing and improve the quality of life for our neighbors, the hourly employees, and front-line workforce who support the Branson economy.

Your support is essential to make this vision a reality.