# L3R1 – Philanthropists’ Biographies

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**Nancy Richardson**

Nancy Richardson was born and raised in Colorado where she attended college, raised a family and developed her passion for giving back to the community. Nancy and her husband, Curt, are the founders and owners of Otter Products, which is a company that designs and sells protective cases for mobile phones and tablets. Committed to the principle that “To whom much is given, much is expected,” Nancy created the OtterCares Foundation in 2010 with the intent of giving back to the community that has supported the company’s growth and success over the years. Otter Products contributes to nonprofit organizations and schools through the OtterCares Foundation. The foundation also encourages employee volunteerism, offering all of their employees a chance to engage in the community through volunteer activities. A cause that Nancy is passionate about is seeing children and youth be successful in school and in life. Nancy is also an active volunteer with many organizations.



**L.J. and Jen Houska**

L.J. and Jen Houska work at Houska Automotive Services in Fort Collins, CO, which is a family business that was started by L.J.'s grandfather. L.J. and Jen enjoy volunteering in the community in various ways. L.J. donates gift certificates for services at the auto shop, helping with car giveaways, an annual blood drive, and helping youth with disabilities by pushing strollers for Athletes in Tandem. Jen enjoys volunteering with children with disabilities at Respite Care, being an Activity Volunteers at Partners Mentoring Youth, and helping the auto shop participate in youth focused philanthropy. Their whole family is excited about being involved with fellow philanthropists. They both enjoy using their skills and time to help others. Their belief is that helping others makes them feel good and they know they are part of a supportive community.

**Kenna Christian**

Kenna Christian is a student at Fort Collins High School and the founder of Kenna’s Kards for the Kure. She first began volunteering by cleaning up a small creek by her house, donating money to endangered animals and also by visiting the elderly. When she was 13, Kenna began her own business to help support women diagnosed with breast cancer because she had found a cause that she was extremely passionate about. Kenna’s Kards for the Kure creates unique and homemade greeting cards that connect the buyer with their family and friends. When a card is purchased from Kenna’s Kards, part of the profit is donated to Hope Lives! The Lydia Dody Breast Cancer Support Center. Kenna would like to build her business up to the point where thousands of cards are being made each year, in several different languages and creating an amazing impact on hundreds of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. Kenna also enjoys playing competitive hockey and she is involved in several advanced high school classes.

# L3W1 – Interview Questions

Philanthropist’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was your first activity as a philanthropist?

What do you do as a philanthropist right now?

What do you like best about being a philanthropist?

How do you feel when you give to communities?

What does philanthropy mean to you?

What community issues are you passionate about?

Other Questions:

**L3W2 – Exit Ticket**

How were the 3 T’s of Philanthropy used by this Philanthropist?



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****What was your favorite finding from today’s philanthropist[s]?

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