



Thinking About What is Possible

I have always viewed the way we address poverty as an expression of how much we are willing to do – each of us – to ensure that economic opportunities exist in every community.

It is also a reflection of how connected we feel to one another: Is one person's struggle the responsibility of another? **The answer actually lies in knowing that there is no "other."**

We are connected in ways we may not see as we go through our days, but just as every aspen tree in a grove shares the same root system, we are tied to one another. And poverty shows us the need to more fully embrace this.

Fortunately, solving poverty is not complicated. It is a local task, requiring only a commitment on your own or with your family, company, faith community, or other group. All you have to do to get started is [take a look at this guide](#). It is that simple.

This holiday season, more than one out of every five Americans do not have enough to live for a sustained period of time without getting assistance. Is it enough to donate turkeys to them? Or **can we take action in the coming year to ensure they do not need such help next year?**

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and ask that when you think about what is possible in your life in the coming year, let that extend to the communities around you. **What can you do to create what is possible for your neighbors?**

Giving Tuesday

If you are planning to participate next week in *Giving Tuesday*, I hope

you will consider [The Shared Humanity Project](#). You will be investing in a new and different approach, one that works by bringing people together and by putting solutions into your hands, no matter where you live or how old you are.

At a time when our country is so divided and seemingly intolerant of each other's views, it is exactly the time to flip that, to lean into our humanity and let that guide our actions.



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