



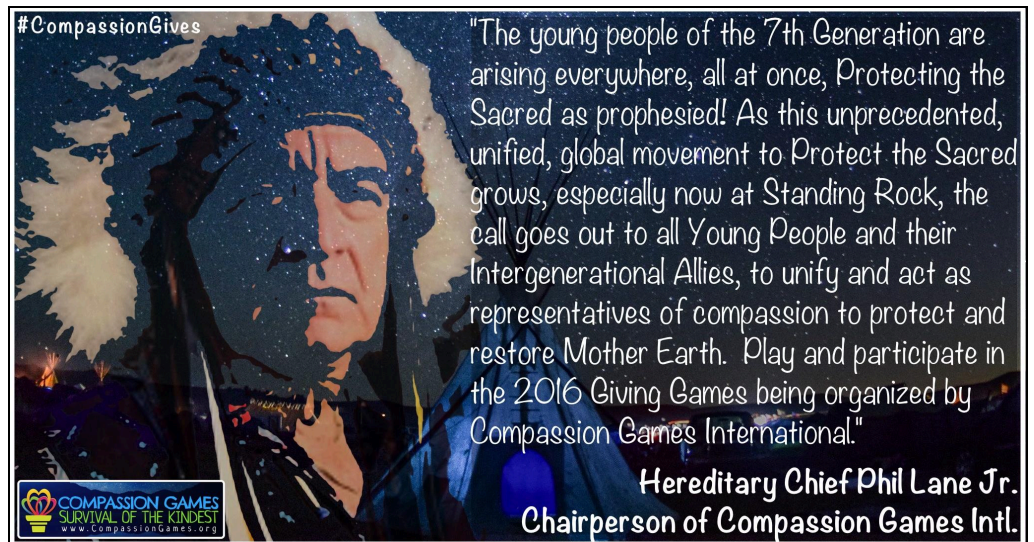
2016 Global Giving Games Compassion Relay Game Plan and FAQ

Welcome to the Compassion Relay! This document is a guide to participating and is intended to answer any questions you may have about Compassion Relays, including what their purpose is, and how they work. This document focuses specifically on the Compassion Relay that is part of the **Giving Games: Youth and Schools Play it Forward** competition taking place from **November 29th through December 10 Human Rights Day and a Global Wopida!** The questions include who is playing, what it means to accept and pass the Compassion Torch, what the proposed route is, etc.

What is the Giving Games Competition?

The Giving Games: Youth and Schools Play it Forward is one of five annual Compassion Games. The Giving Games begin on November 29th — a day known as #GivingTuesday — and go through December 10th, Human Rights Day and will end with a global online Lakota Thanksgiving ceremony known as a

“Wopida”. The Giving Games are being played globally between youth, educators, and intergenerational allies to ignite the participation of youth and those who work with them in community service projects, acts of kindness, and raising monies for local and global causes. Participation in the Games foster safe and fulfilling places of learning, helping the next generation develop into happy, compassionate, creative, and resilient members of a sustainable world. The theme for the Giving Games is “Compassion Gives” and the primary hashtag is #CompassionGives.



Youth, Indigenous, and Interfaith Leadership Protecting Mother Earth

We are highlighting three intersecting movements during the 2016 Giving Games (1) **Youth Climate Action** (2) **Indigenous Environmental Leadership** (3) the **Interfaith Cooperation and Prosocial Behaviors**. The Giving Games and the Giving Games Compassion Relay is intended to rally youth around the shared vision of the Tomorrow Together 5-Year Campaign launched by more than 50 organizations during the Global Unity Games in September 2016. The objectives of the Campaign are to:

1. Ignite young people to express their strong desire for unity and change in the world
2. Build unity, empathy and service among young people of all faiths, races and ethnicities.
3. Establish the Compassion Games and Tomorrow Together as a catalyst, mobilization and inflection point that supports achieving the vital UN Sustainable Development Goals set for 2030.

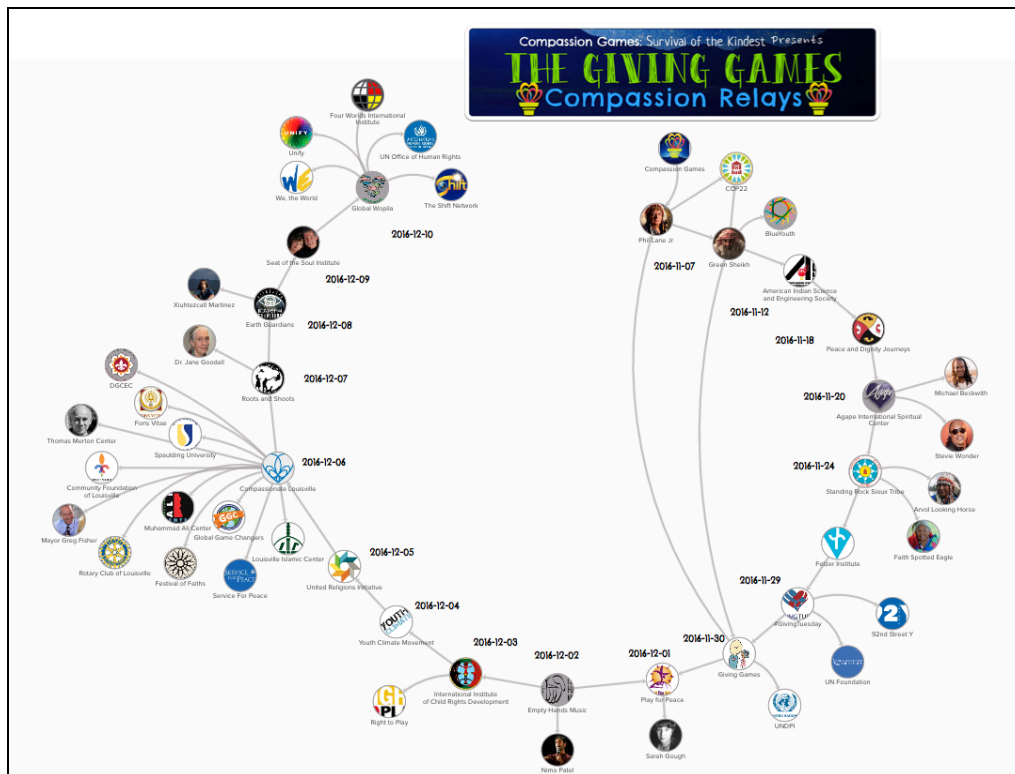
What is a Champion of Compassion and What is the Compassion Relay?

The Compassion Relay Team synergizes and amplifies the unifying impact of highly visible and well-known “Champions of Compassion”. Champions of Compassion are exceptional in promoting the values of compassion in their workplace; in their efforts to give back to the communities in which they reside; in the support they bring to critical global initiatives; and in the mission and ethics of their work, services, and products. Champions of Compassion are well-known, notable, and prominent within their field. Through their notoriety, the general public can be made more aware of the opportunity to participate in the Games around the world.

A “**Compassion Relay**” figuratively and literally represents the passing of the virtual “**Compassion Torch**” from one participating “**Champion of Compassion**” to another over a series of days. Together the “**Champions of Compassion**” form the “**Relay Team**”. The path is known as the “**Compassion Relay Route**”. By participating in the Compassion Relay we are building and strengthening our capacity to blend together as a team, to dynamically harmonize our intentions, movements, and actions. “If one lights a fire for others, it will also brighten one’s own way.”

On each day of the route, the virtual Compassion Torch is “passed” via social media to another Champion of Compassion who, in turn, accepts the Compassion Torch and engages their own audience and promotes playing in the Giving Games. This process of Passing the Torch is repeated until the Compassion Torch reaches the end of the Compassion Relay Route. When you accept and pass the Compassion Torch you get to be recognized for your unique contribution and to appreciate the work of other Champions of Compassion.

The following diagram lays out the high level overview of the Compassion Relay Route starting on November 14, 2016. Each element is a Champion of Compassion and we show the dates that they are scheduled to receive and pass the torch. **These dates are in influx and subject to change at anytime!**



Why a Compassion Relay?

“If one lights a fire for others, it will also brighten one's own way.” – Buddha

The Compassion Relay is a collaboration designed to be a synergizing experience for all Champions of Compassion, the communities of which they are a part, and their extended networks. The Compassion Relay draws on the strength of our collective voices to influence public officials and policy makers and increase public awareness of the power of compassionate action to unite us in addressing the challenges and opportunities before us. When you pass the torch you take the time to learn about and recognize a person or an organization that you honor and appreciate for their commitment to compassionate action in the world. When you accept the Torch you know you are accepting it from an ally and partner in championing for compassion as effective public policy and in everyday life.

Compassion Relays catalyze increased awareness that leads to more compassionate action, community service, and social good in our communities. Each Champion is featured and passes the torch while promoting all the Champions that are participating in the Giving Games.

What is a Wopida?

Wopida is a Lakota word that means, "everything around you is a gift and never forget where it comes from, your heart." The Wopida is a thanksgiving giveaway ceremony. We pray for one another. To the Lakota, praying for someone in need is the greatest honor you can give to the Creator. "[Thanks](#) given for all of existence and the [blessing](#) inherent in each moment of it. Often used in ceremony, and as a broad statement of thanks within a community." You can learn more about Wopida [here](#).

What is the Global Wopida?

On Sunday, December 10, the International Human Rights Day, we are hosting a Global Wopida to "give thanks" to all of those that are standing for compassion and protecting mother earth, at all the "Standing Rocks" around the globe as well as Standing Rock, ND. The Wopida will include a global meditation www.praywithstandingrock.com hosted by Unify. We, the World will host a tele-summit in partnership with the Shift Network.

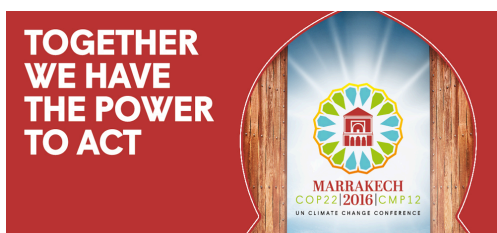
What is a "Call to Play" Torch Lighting Ceremony?

A Call to Play is an invitation to participate in the upcoming Compassion Games Giving Games. Relay Team members post a written, audio or video version of a Call to Play. Here is an example of a [Call to Play](#) in the Global Unity Games: Tomorrow Together issued by Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville, KY.. Compassion Games International will help co-produce your Call to Play to simplify the creation and distribution process. The Compassion Torch has been carried and used in ceremony to ignite the passion to play in the Giving Games.

What is the Relay Route and Who are the Champions of Compassion?

Building Momentum for the Giving Games – November 6 – 29

Before the start of the Giving Games on November 29th, we will start the Compassion Relay, pass the Compassion Torch, and issue a number of "Calls to Play" in the 2016 Giving Games.



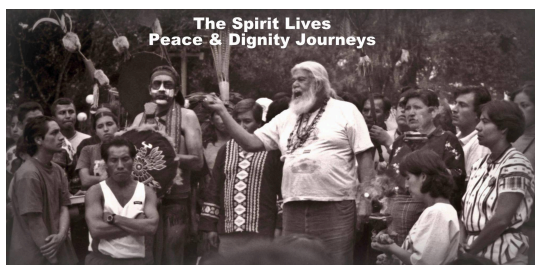
We launched the first Call to Play and lit the Compassion Torch at the opening of the Convention of Parties 22 (COP 22) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that took place in Morocco on November 7.

Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr., who prefers to be called Uncle of Brother Phil, was in Morocco and lit the Compassion Torch with Dr Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Nuaimi also known as the "Green Sheikh". The Green Sheikh launched the [Blue Youth Project](#) in July of 2016. The Blue Youth Project partnered with the [Centre for Global Education](#) and [TakingITGlobal](#) for an event taking place in Morocco that engaged over 10,000 youth from every continent on Mother Earth, in the world's largest consultation of youth around water and climate change action.

After returning to North America, Uncle Phil carried the Compassion Torch to the National Conference of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) where Uncle Phil serves on the AISES



Council of Elders. After the Elders Council prayed and blessed the Compassion Torch and the Journey, the Torch was presented to AISES National Student Representatives, who unanimously responded to the “Call to Play! In fact, it was declared that until proven otherwise, the AISES Council of Elders, Board of Directors, AISES 189 chartered college and university chapters, 15 professional chapters, and 158 affiliated K-12 schools were the most compassionate on Mother Earth and will demonstrate it in the [Giving Games: Youth and Schools Play it Forward coopetition](#).



Uncle Phil will then carry the Compassion Torch and issue a Call to Play at the Closing Ceremonies of the [Peace and Dignity Journeys](#) taking place at the Ciudad Del Saber in Panama City, Panama from November 14 through November 17.



Uncle Phil will carry the Torch from Panama City to the [Agape International Spiritual Center](#) in Los Angeles co-hosted by the [Reverend Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith](#) and musical icon and social activist, [Stevie Wonder](#) on November 20 (TBC). The Agape International Spiritual Center is a trans-denominational community of thousands of local members and global live streamers (from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, New Zealand and throughout the Americas.) Agape is highly regarded for its cultural, racial, and spiritual diversity. From Los Angeles the torch will be carried to the [Water Protectors](#) at Standing Rock, North Dakota.



Uncle Phil and the Compassion Games International leadership team will then carry the Compassion Torch to Standing Rock North Dakota and issue a Call to Play at the [Standing Rock Sioux Tribe](#) the week of November 22.

The Shift Network is dedicating the Catalyst issue to focusing on Indigenous Peoples and the power of giving and will be published on US Thanksgiving weekend. The publication will include a Call to Play in the Giving Games.



The Giving Games Begin! – November 29

#GIVINGTUESDAY™



We will kickoff the Giving Games on November 29th in partnership with #GivingTuesday. Jon Ramer and Sommer Joy Albertsen will broadcast live from “command central” at the 92nd Street Y in NYC. Uncle Phil and the Green Sheikh are planning to come to NYC. There are 12 Champions of

Compassion that are participating during the Games. The table in the next section will be updated as we confirm the Team members.

We will conclude the Giving Games with a Global Wopida (Oceti Sakowin GiveAway Ceremony) that recognizes the many good things we have accomplished as members of the human family and honors December 10 as Human Rights Day. The Wopida will be co-hosted with Chief Arvol Looking Horse Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe.



Here is the proposed “Relay Route” and the corresponding dates. Please note that this is still being formulated and open to change.

Date		Event - Champions of Compassion	Status
Building Momentum for the Giving Games!			
11/07/16	Before Giving Games	Call to Play @ COP22 Climate Talks – Marrakesh, Morocco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. Green Sheikh/BlueYouth 	Complete
11/10/16		Call to Play @ AISES American Indian Science and Engineering Society	Complete
11/14/16		Call to Play @ Peace and Dignity Run Completion Ceremony – Ciudad Del Saber, Panamá <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace and Dignity Journeys Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. 	Confirmed
11/20/16		Call to Play @ Agape International Spiritual Center – LA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reverend Michael Beckwith and Stevie Wonder Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. 	Confirmed
11/22/16		Call to Play @ Standing Rock Protest, Winter Camp – South Dakota <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. 	Confirmed
11/25/16		Call to Play @ Shift Network Catalyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. Jon Ramer 	Confirmed
11/26/16		Call to Stand with Standing Rock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unify 	Confirmed
The Giving Games Begin!			
11/29/16		#GivingTuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 92nd Street NYC 	Confirmed

11/30/16	During Giving Games	Monica Willard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDPI 	Confirmed
12/1/16		Play for Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Gough 	Confirmed
12/2/16		Empty Hands Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nimo Patel 	Confirmed
12/3/16		International Institute for Child Rights Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Cook 	Confirmed
12/4/16		United Religions Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Kazanjian • Isabelle Ortega 	Confirmed
12/5/16		Earth Guardians	Confirmed
12/6/16		Compassionate Louisville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Center • Mayor Greg Fischer • Louisville Islamic Center • Spaulding University • University of Louisville • Global Game Changers • Fons Vitae • Service for Peace • Festival of Faiths 	Confirmed
12/7/16		Dr. Jane Goodall, Roots and Shoots	Planned
12/8/16		Center for Global Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Godwaldt 	Confirmed
12/9/16		Seat of the Soul Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Zukav • Linda Francis 	Confirmed
12/10/16		Global Wopida (GiveAway Ceremony) on Human Rights Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Worlds International Institute • Chief Arvol Looking Horse • Compassion Games International • Unify • Amplifield • We, the World • The Shift Network • UN Conference on Biodiversity • A global thanksgiving for all the good things we the members of 	Confirmed

What Does the Compassion Relay Route Look Like?

Here is a closer look at the Compassion Relay Torch Lighting and passings taking place in advance of the Giving Games starting on November 29th.



Here are examples of social share images that were used during the Global Unity Games. We will create a banner image for each Champion of Compassion in the Compassion Relay.



What does it mean to be a Champion of Compassion?

Champions of Compassion are recognized as high profile compassion activists. Their work with compassionate action can be in one or more dimensions of compassion for (1) others, for (2) oneself, or for (3) Mother Earth. Champions of Compassion agree to do the following activities that take place before, during, and after the Giving Games.

Before the Giving Games:

- Champions of Compassion issue a Call to Play to their audience and invite them to join and be a part of the Giving Games via social media, email lists and on their website.

- Champions of Compassion can share the Calls to Play coming from other Champions of Compassion.
- Champions of Compassion review a Profile and Article dedicated to them, that is prepared by Compassion Games International, to share during the Compassion Relay.

During the Giving Games:

- On a predetermined day the featured Champion of Compassion accepts the Compassion Torch from another Champion of Compassion.
- For each day of the Giving Games coopetition, all Champions of Compassion share via social media the Daily Mission that includes a profile of the day's featured Champion of Compassion as well as suggestions for all agents of compassion.
- Champions of Compassion then pass the "virtual" torch to another Champion of Compassion. The passing answers the question: What can I do today to appreciate the gifts that others offer me?
- All the Champions of Compassion are featured during the Global Wopida happening on Human Rights Day December 10.

After the Giving Games:

- Champions of Compassion share a report on the [Compassion Report Map](#).

What will Compassion Games do to Promote the Compassion Relay?

Compassion Games International will organize and implement a marketing and communications plan promoting the Global Giving Games and the Compassion Relay. The plan will include advertisements on Facebook and Twitter as well as email campaigns and Daily Missions that are sent out to all the agents of compassion. Communications will be directed to both the mainstream and social media.

Is there an Example of what the Compassion Relay looks like?

Yes. There is a [short video](#) that is an overview of the Compassion Relay that took place during the Global Unity Games.

If you have any additional questions, or want to sponsor or play please contact Jon Ramer at jon@compassiongames.org. To [sign up to play](#) in the 2016 Giving Games

