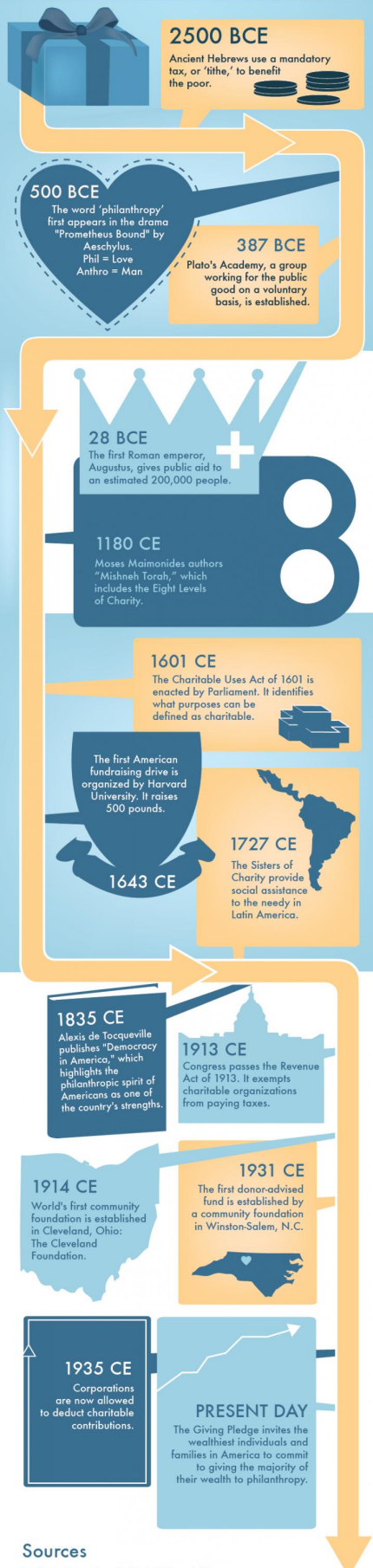


A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHARITABLE GIVING



2500 BCE
Ancient Hebrews use a mandatory tax, or 'tithes,' to benefit the poor.

500 BCE
The word 'philanthropy' first appears in the drama "Prometheus Bound" by Aeschylus.
Phil = Love
Anthro = Man

387 BCE
Plato's Academy, a group working for the public good on a voluntary basis, is established.

28 BCE
The first Roman emperor, Augustus, gives public aid to an estimated 200,000 people.

1180 CE
Moses Maimonides authors "Mishneh Torah," which includes the Eight Levels of Charity.

1601 CE
The Charitable Uses Act of 1601 is enacted by Parliament. It identifies what purposes can be defined as charitable.

The first American fundraising drive is organized by Harvard University. It raises 500 pounds.

1727 CE
The Sisters of Charity provide social assistance to the needy in Latin America.

1835 CE
Alexis de Tocqueville publishes "Democracy in America," which highlights the philanthropic spirit of Americans as one of the country's strengths.

1913 CE
Congress passes the Revenue Act of 1913. It exempts charitable organizations from paying taxes.

1914 CE
World's first community foundation is established in Cleveland, Ohio: The Cleveland Foundation.

1931 CE
The first donor-advised fund is established by a community foundation in Winston-Salem, N.C.

1935 CE
Corporations are now allowed to deduct charitable contributions.

PRESENT DAY
The Giving Pledge invites the wealthiest individuals and families in America to commit to giving the majority of their wealth to philanthropy.

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