

Table S1
List of Measures

Measure (# of items)	Example Items	Response Options	Study 1a	Study 1b	Study 2	Study 3	Study 4	Source
Money Spent (1-item)	How much money did you spend?	1 – Less than \$5 2 – \$5 to \$10 3 – \$11 to \$20 4 – \$21 to \$50 5 – \$51-\$100 6 – \$101 to \$500 7 – \$501 or more	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Time (1-item)	When did the giving experience take place?	1 – Today 2 – In the past week 3 – In the past month 4 – In the past year 5 – Over a year ago 6 – Over five years ago 7 – Over 10 years ago	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Positive Affect (6-items)	Positive; Good; Contented	1 – Not at all 4 – Somewhat 7 – Very	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Diener et al. (2009)
Negative Affect (6-items)	Negative; Bad; Sad	1 – Not at all 4 – Somewhat 7 – Very	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Diener et al. (2009)
Positivity ^a (3-items)	How happy did you feel after the giving experience?	0 – Not at all 3 – Somewhat 6 – Very	✓	✓	-	-	-	Epley & Schroeder (2014)
Medium of Giving (1-item)	Did the giving occur in-person or online?	In-person Online Other, please specify.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Intermediaries (1-item)	Was there an intermediary between you and the recipient? (e.g., charity)	No Yes	-	-	✓	-	-	-

Opportunities to Spend Time with Others ^b (1-item)	Did the giving experience lead you to spend time with other people?	No Yes	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	- -	- -	- -
Social Connection (8-items)	I felt distant from people. (R) I felt like I was able to connect with others.	1 – Strongly disagree 7 – Strongly agree	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	✓ ✓	- -	Lee, Draper, & Lee (2001)
IOS (1-item)	Which of the following diagrams best describe how close you felt to the recipient?	-	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	✓ ✓	- -	Aron, Aron, & Smollan (1992)
Closeness to Recipient (4-items)	My relationship with the recipient was close. The recipient and I had a strong connection.	1 – Strongly disagree 7 – Strongly agree	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	✓ ✓	- -	Dibble, Levine, & Park (2011)
Other Helpers ^c (1-item)	During the giving experience, did anyone else provide help to the recipient with you?	No Yes	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	✓ ✓	- -	-
Perceived Impact (5-items)	My actions made a significant difference for the recipient My contribution had a lasting impact on the recipient.	1 – Strongly disagree 7 – Strongly agree	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	- -	Aknin et al. (2013b)
Perceived Choice (4-items)	Something about the external situation forced me to do it; I did it purely for the interest and enjoyment of doing it	1 – Not at all 7 – Completely	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	- -	- -	✓ ✓	Ries et al. (2000)

^a This measure was included for an unrelated study.

^b Participants who responded “yes” to this question completed an additional, open-ended question: “In a couple of sentences, please explain why and how the giving experience led you to spend time with other people, and who they were.”

^c Participants who responded “yes” to this question reported how close they felt to other givers.