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The survey will take you approximately 2 minutes to complete. For completing this survey, you will be compensated 50 cents by MTurk.

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw from the study at any point and for any reason without penalty.

By continuing with this survey, you acknowledge that you have read the information above and are consenting to participate.

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In the email, the principal informs you that the kindergarten consists of 20 children from low-income families, and he expresses his hope that you will make a donation to be used for buying Christmas gifts for these 20 children.

Please think about these 20 children. How much would you be willing to help these 20 children? Please enter the amount you would decide and agree to donate:

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Please indicate your gender.
- Male
- Female

How old are you?
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Imagine the following: Christmas is around the corner. The principal of a neighborhood kindergarten sent you an email asking for donations. You know her personally and trust her words. The email directs you to a website with the following questions. Please answer these questions as if you were making actual donation decisions.

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DONATION WEBSITE:

Thanks for visiting our website. Please read the following carefully and answer the ensuing questions. Even if you are not willing to make a donation, please still answer the questions; you may simply enter $0. You can revise your answers, and your answers will not be recorded until you press the “Submit” button.

Our kindergarten currently has 20 children (like the one pictured below), they are all from low-income families and their parents have little money to buy Christmas gifts for them. We hope you can make a donation, so we can use the money to buy Christmas gifts for them. Even a few dollars will help!

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Please think about all 20 of these children. How much are you willing to donate to help these 20 children? Please enter the amount of money you decide and agree to donate:

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Now please think about all 20 of these children. How much are you willing to donate to help these 20 children? Please enter the amount of money you decide and agree to donate:

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