

Charity Gap-Fill Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

Many companies use team-building days to bring employees together. At my company, we do something more meaningful to build cohesion. For three years, my employees and I 1 _____ out at a charity one day a month.

The charity 2 _____ in operation for about five years and provides food for low-income families in the area. The creator of the charity, Marsha Williams, decided to start it after visiting a food bank herself. Her husband 3 _____ his job and they were struggling to make ends meet. As soon as they got back on their feet, Marsha knew she wanted to help others, and help others she has. By the end of this year, she 4 _____ support to around 1,000 families.

Many of these people are working, but they 5 _____ pick up low-paid jobs, or jobs with unreliable hours.

Take Fiona, for example, who 6 _____ her own corner shop with her husband for ten years before a large supermarket chain opened round the corner. They unsurprisingly found themselves out of business. Fiona 7 _____ at that supermarket for a few months, but her husband 8 _____ to find temporary work here and there.

This means that paying the bills is hard. For them, it's sometimes been a choice of going without food or without electricity. My food bank means they no longer have to make that decision.

My team's work involves going to supermarkets and asking customers to buy extra food, packing this food into boxes and handing them out to those in need. I think the work 9 _____ us all closer together in a way that working for financial gain does not. We 10 _____ our work to be very rewarding.