



Soulmates publish giving guide

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RED Hill's Lyn Amy gave up a plum publishing job four years ago to spend more time with her two teenage daughters.

Although she had a fulfilling career with plenty of travel, there was a nagging feeling that perhaps there was more to life.

She had no idea what she would do after her year's sabbatical, but then fate stepped in – a friend introduced her to a like-minded soul, Mary Pearce, who lived nearby at Main Ridge, and the seed of a new publishing venture was planted. The result is *The Good Giving Guide: The where, why and how of donating to charity in Australia*, which has just hit the bookshelves.

Good Giving explains why the rich-poor gap is ever widening; why giving is actually good for us; deciding what to give (time, money or goods?) and who to give to.

It covers tips on individual and business giving, setting up trusts, corporate volunteer-

ing and provides in-depth analysis of 100 Australian charities.

The authors are adhering to their altruistic principles by donating all royalties to the Australian Charities Fund to promote workplace giving.

Ms Pearce has worked in the not-for-profit sector for more than 30 years in health, welfare and international development. She and her husband Arthur, a vet, moved to the peninsula 35 years ago when they bought the Rosebud Veterinary Clinic.

Ms Amy now runs her own literary agency and business-development consultancy and, with her husband, hosts evenings at their home with the not-for-profit group More Than Opera. She is now fund-raising for Brotherhood of St Laurence's planned dementia respite centre in Frankston.

■ *The Good Giving Guide* is published by Penguin. Details: www.goodgiving.com.au



Authors Lyn Amy and Mary Pearce have set up a new publishing venture.

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