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**NLSY79 R24: Proposed Module on Volunteerism and Charitable Giving**

**C1.** During the year 2009, did you [or your spouse/partner] donate money, assets, or goods with a combined value of at least \$25 to religious or not-for-profit organizations such as schools, hospitals, museums, charities, or the United Way? If you received something in return, such as candy or tickets to an event, we would consider it to be a donation if the amount you gave exceeded the item's value.

Yes

No [Go to C8]

**C2.** I will now read a short list of different types of organizations. For each one, please tell me whether you [or your spouse/partner] made any donations specifically to an organization of this type in 2009.

- a. Health care or medical research organizations.
- b. Educational organizations, including schools and libraries.
- c. Youth, neighborhood or community organizations aside from schools and libraries.
- d. Organizations that support arts or culture.
- e. Organizations that support the environment.
- f. Organizations that provide international aid or promote world peace.
- g. Organizations that help people in need of food, shelter, or other basic necessities.
- h. Religious or spiritual organizations including churches, synagogues, and mosques.
- i. Organizations that serve a combination of purposes such as the United Way.
- j. Any other types of organizations.

**Code yes or no for each.**

[begin loop]

**C3.** For each type of organization that you [or your spouse/partner] made donations to in 2009, please tell me the total dollar value of all donations made.

[Loop through each category coded "yes" in C2.] How much did you [or your spouse/partner] give to [organization type]?

[Enter amount: \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**C4.** [Need screen for employment in 2009?] Was some or all of that donation collected at your [or your spouse's/partner's] workplace?

Yes

No [Go to end of loop]

**C5.** Was some or all of that donation made through payroll deductions?

Yes

No

**C6.** Did an employer match any part of that donation?

Yes

No

[End loop]

**C7.** I will now read several reasons that people sometimes have for making donations. For each one, please tell me whether it affected your [or your spouse's/partner's] decision to make the largest, single donation that you made in 2009. You may pick as many reasons as apply.

You were volunteering for the organization

You were involved in some other way with the organization

A friend or family member asked you to donate

Somebody at work asked you to donate

Somebody at your place of worship asked you to donate

You were approached by the organization through a mailing, phone call, tv or radio appeal, door-to-door request, or in some other way

You decided on your own to donate

You made the donation for some other reason

**C8.** Let's talk about volunteering your time through or for religious or not-for-profit organizations such as schools, hospitals, museums, charities, or the United Way. By "volunteering" I don't mean just belonging to an organization—I mean doing unpaid work or providing unpaid assistance, either on a regular basis or infrequently. In 2009, did you do any volunteer activity through or for an organization?

Yes

No [Go to end of section]

**C9.** I will now read a short list of activities or purposes for which people might volunteer their time. For each one, please tell me whether you volunteered any time in 2009 toward this type of purpose or activity.

a. Helping people in poor health.

b. Promoting education, including helping at schools and libraries.

c. Helping youth, neighborhoods or communities outside schools and libraries.

d. Activities related to arts or culture.

e. Activities that help the environment.

f. Providing international aid or promoting world peace.

g. Helping people in need of food, shelter, or other basic necessities.

h. Promoting religious or spiritual goals, including helping at churches, synagogues, and mosques.

i. Any other types of activities.

**Code yes or no for each.**

[Begin loop.]

**C10.** [Loop through each category coded "yes" in C9] In 2009, how many times did you volunteer for [activity type]?

[Enter: \_\_\_\_\_ total times or \_\_\_\_\_ times per \_\_\_\_\_ time unit]

**C11.** How much time would you typically spend during one of those volunteering sessions?

[Enter: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes]

[End loop]

**C12.** [Need screen for employment in 2009?] Was any of your volunteer activity in 2009 organized through your workplace?

Yes

No [go to C15]

**C13.** Did any of your coworkers volunteer with you?

Yes

No

**C14.** Did you get paid time off from work to volunteer?

Yes

No

**C15.** Did any of your volunteer activity in 2009 utilize skills acquired or used at work?

Yes

No

**C16.** Did your volunteer activity in 2009 help you learn about job openings or job-related opportunities?

Yes

No

**C17.** Did any of your volunteer activity in 2009 teach you skills that you could then use at work?

Yes

No

**C18.** I will now read several reasons that people often have for volunteering their time. For each one, please tell me whether it affected your decision to volunteer in 2009. [If “yes” to more than one category in C9: Please focus on the activity for which you volunteered the most time in 2009.] You may pick as many reasons as apply.

You were donating money to the organization

You were involved in some other way with the organization

A friend or family member asked you to

Somebody at work asked you to

Somebody at your place of worship asked you to

You were approached by the organization through a mailing, phone call, tv or radio  
appeal, door-to-door request, or in some other way

You decided on your own

You volunteered for some other reason