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n.

1. The act of giving to a fund or cause.
2. A gift or grant.

[Middle English *donacioun*, gift, benefice, from Old French, from Latin *dōnātiō*, *dōnātiōn*-, from *dōnātus*, past participle of *dōnāre*, to give, from *dōnum*, gift; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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