

Since 1973, The Community Foundation has helped thousands of individuals, families, and businesses make a meaningful difference where they live. Think of The Community Foundation as your partner in giving. We can help you get the most out of your charitable giving experience – whether you want to learn more about the issues facing our communities, support a specific cause, provide scholarships for students, or help create a brighter future for our most vulnerable neighbors. The Community Foundation offers a variety of options that can be tailored to your specific interests and philanthropic goals.

Types of Gifts We Can Accept

The Community Foundation offers several vehicles to help you create impactful charitable giving.

Liquid Assets

Cash, credit card, or publicly traded securities can easily be used to add philanthropic resources to a fund. A gift of appreciated securities provides you an immediate charitable deduction for the full market while avoiding capital gains taxes typically due upon sale.

Complex Assets

We accept gifts of closely held stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, or other real assets.

Legacy Gifts

We can work with you or your advisor to create a legacy plan. You can make a gift to The Community Foundation through a bequest in your will or trust, beneficiary designation for retirement assets (IRA, 401K, 403B) or life insurance policies, or charitable remainder trust.

Private Foundation Assets

Your existing private foundation may be converted into a component fund within The Community Foundation. You can retain the name and purpose of the private foundation while alleviating the administrative and compliance burdens.

Charitable Fund Types

Setting up your own charitable giving fund is easy, rewarding, and doesn't require great wealth. Creating a fund at The Community Foundation allows you the opportunity to organize your philanthropic activities through one expertly-managed and cost-effective charitable vehicle.

The options include:

DONOR-ADVISED FUND

A simple, convenient, and effective way for you to make philanthropic contributions with a single gift. You receive an immediate tax deduction for the full gift and can take your time deciding how you would like to see it benefit our community. Our staff can invest and manage your assets (if desired) as well as identify and assess charities, give input on community needs, and conduct due diligence on grantees.

DESIGNATED FUND

You can name one or more specific organization or agency to benefit from this type of fund. Your gift is invested for long-term growth and allows for a term of years or perpetual support to the organization(s) you choose.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND

You can identify and support a broad or specific charitable purpose, issue, or geographic area. Our staff identifies organizations with proven impact and makes grants to the nonprofits that best fit your interests.

MEMORIAL FUND

You can name a fund in honor of your loved one, welcome contributions from friends and family, and take the time you need to consider how best to honor their memory. We will process and acknowledge all gifts to the fund and work with you to identify community organizations that represent the memory of your loved one.

PLANNED GIFTS

A charitable bequest is a simple yet effective way to create an enduring legacy for the community and causes you love.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

You can help create pathways to success for more talented young people. A scholarship fund is an opportunity to support youth to further their education in nearly every area of study and at any level of education, from preschool to postgraduate work.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Essential to building a flexible and nimble community endowment that can respond to changing and emerging needs. Our dedicated unrestricted fund, the Fund for Greater Washington, enables us to provide vital resources to civic and community organizations, incubate new ideas, and conduct programmatic initiatives and advocacy.

Contact our donor services team to discuss your charitable interests at 202-955-5890 or donorservices@thecommunityfoundation.org.
