

Charitable Funds

Great giving options.

Choose the one that's right for you.



Donor-Advised Funds. You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift by working with our professional program staff to identify ways to use dollars from the donor-advised fund you establish to address the issues and needs you care about most. We submit your recommendations to the Community Foundation's board for approval. We then distribute the grant dollars.

Community Funds. Your gift can address ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time you made your gift. The Foundation evaluates all aspects of community well-being, such as arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables the Foundation's experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Field of Interest Funds. You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life. Arts. AIDS. Aging. At-risk youth. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; our board awards grants to community organizations and programs making a difference in the area you select.

Scholarships. You can invest your gift in our community's future and show students you care, all with the guidance and personal service of your community foundation. You determine the criteria students must meet to receive the scholarship you establish. With your assistance, students achieve their academic and career-oriented goals from preschool to postgraduate work.

Designated Funds. You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization. Nonprofit organizations can use a designated fund through our Foundation to build their endowment and enhance their ability to accept large and complex gifts.

Special Features of a Community Foundation:

1. Personalized service. The Foundation makes giving easy, flexible and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. You can contribute cash, stocks, property and bequests. You may establish one of the following types of funds: unrestricted, field of interest, designated or donor-advised. You can create the fund in your name or in the name of a loved one, or whatever you choose. Your gift will also receive the maximum tax advantages under state and federal law.

2. Local expertise. Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape our community. We monitor all areas of community need—including human services, education, environment, healthcare, the arts and economic development. We can help you learn more about local agencies and programs that make a difference in areas that you care about most.

3. Community Leadership. We invest in the long-term, bringing people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. We believe in building communities.

Establish a fund in your name

You can establish any of these funds in your name, or in the name of your family, your organization or anyone you wish to honor. All grants distributed from the fund you establish—today and in the future—will get awarded to charities in the name of that fund. It's a great way to stay involved with and remembered for your community investment.



FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

How can I recommend charity without recommending *a charity*?



Talk to your clients about giving through the Community Foundation of Washington County MD

It's a delicate dilemma. Estate planners, financial planners and other professional advisors are often faced with a delicate dilemma: You want to discuss the many benefits of charitable giving with your clients, but want to avoid recommending specific charitable causes or organizations.

Fortunately, there's a simple solution. It's The Community Foundation of Washington County MD. The Community Foundation is a single, trusted vehicle your clients can use to address the issues they care about most, while gaining maximum tax benefit under state and federal law. The Foundation offers a variety of giving options, including the ability to set up a charitable fund in your client's name.

The Community Foundation also offers the opportunity to support multiple charities at the same time and provide local knowledge of the nonprofit community. If requested, the Foundation can provide a layer of anonymity between the donor and the charities they support. ***We have many ways to help you help your clients achieve their charitable goals.***

About the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc. is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of Washington County.

The Foundation exists to promote local philanthropy and since 1997, has distributed over \$17 million in grants and scholarships. With over \$31 million in assets and 285 funds, donors may contribute to a range of charitable endeavors or set up their own endowed fund to ensure support for generations to come.

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