

**Shape the future,  
leave a legacy to  
your community**



What will your legacy be? How will you continue your commitment to the issues and organizations that matter the most to you through your charitable giving? How can you use a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation to teach your children about giving so they can learn to be good stewards of the community as well?

**The Community Foundation can help with your charitable giving decisions and be your long-term partner in philanthropy.**

Most donors wishing to create a legacy and provide ongoing support for the causes they care about will establish a permanent endowment fund that will provide a source of financial support to benefit charitable organizations for generations to come. Types of permanent endowment funds include the following:

### **Unrestricted fund offer maximum flexibility**

An unrestricted fund is a flexible fund dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. With these types of funds, the Community Foundation, our grant committee and our board of trustees determine the specific needs to address each year, and grants are made to address those needs in the name of the donor, if desired. This type of fund is a great way to meet a variety of community needs year after year.

### **Create a designated fund to support your charity of choice**

A designated fund is one in which you designate a specific charitable organization or purpose to be the beneficiary. This is an easy way to support the organization you care about most, now and in the future.

A primary benefit of a Designated Fund is that the gift continues long after you have passed away. Also, if the charity comes into misfortune, the Community Foundation holds variance power that would redirect your gift to a similarly focused organization. Your gift will not be lost if the charity would cease to exist.

**We're ready to help you:**

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## **Create a field-of-interest fund to support a range of groups working on an issue**

Field of interest funds are designed for donors who have interests in a particular area of funding but who wish to rely on the Community Foundation to make specific grants in support of those interests. For example, you may be concerned about environmental issues and want your fund to support groups and projects the Community Foundation finds most compelling.

You may specify an issue area, a particular cause or a specific geographic area as the focus for the grants you wish the Community Foundation to make in the name of your fund. You can stay involved in the grant decision process if desired or leave it up to us — there is a great deal of flexibility.

Field of interest funds may be created by any individual, family, group, business or organization. Funds may be named for the donor, a family member, friend or organization. You also may name the fund to ensure your anonymity. You can also donate a variety of assets to your fund.

A primary benefit of field of interest funds is that as a donor, you can be assured that grants will be made that support the issues you care about in perpetuity. And, like, donor-advised funds, you avoid the administrative headaches and costs of establishing a private foundation.



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