


Fairfield County Foundation
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BUILDING A
Legacy
in our
Community



Our Mission

The Fairfield County Foundation mission is to build a legacy through philanthropy and stewardship for a stronger community.

The Foundation is administered locally to better serve our community needs.

Charitable Giving

AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY

You've worked hard to achieve your goals and to support the causes and organizations you believe in. Charitable giving is an important part of your life. As someone who appreciates the value of giving, you want to be assured that your gifts will meet vital needs and improve our community.

You want to know your gifts will achieve positive results and, of course, maximize your tax deductions. You may want to involve your family in your giving. You want a tasteful level of recognition – or perhaps you want anonymity.

But, most of all, you want an easy and flexible way to accomplish your objectives.

There is a simple way for you to make a difference and build a lasting legacy in our community. By establishing a fund with the Fairfield County Foundation, you can make a difference for good, forever.



What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a tax-exempt public charity built by generous people just like you. We enable people of all income levels to participate in organized philanthropy by either establishing a permanent endowment fund or by making a gift of any size to an existing fund. Whatever your choice, your gift will be co-mingled with our hundreds of other funds and managed professionally with oversight from our Board of Trustees. As the assets grow, grants are awarded to support the local non-profit organizations and programs that you care about most.

The Fairfield County Foundation, like all community foundations, is overseen by a diverse volunteer board of local citizens and managed by professional staff with expertise in knowing the greatest local needs. But we go beyond simply making grants that advance charitable activities: We also identify current and emerging issues, stimulate resources to address those needs and, because our focus is right here, help our region prepare for our future.

It's for these reasons that community foundations represent one of the fastest growing areas of philanthropy in the world. When generous people like you seek suitable ways to give, we can help you make a difference forever.

How Does it Work?

It's simple. You donate your choice of assets to the Foundation to create a fund that will support the charitable causes you hold closest to your heart. The Foundation offers you a full menu of current or planned giving options to tailor your gift.

Your fund can be in honor of someone you love or to celebrate a milestone event. You can decide how your gift will help address the local issues you care about or it can be used to assist where needs are greatest. However you decide to give, your gift will change lives both today and in the future.

The Foundation uses professionals to invest and manage our assets so that they will continue to grow and make significant grants forever. Our volunteer board of trustees provides oversight while our professional staff can help you create the gift that makes the difference you want.

We offer you the power and flexibility in charitable giving without the legal paperwork, time and expenses associated with running your own foundation. We can help you set up a fund that will maximize both your tax advantages and your impact in the community – now and forever.

How Do I Create a Fund?

DECIDE WHEN TO GIVE

You can create your fund now, establish it in your will, or create it through a trust arrangement that benefits your family as well as charity. You may give in honor of an anniversary, to celebrate a special event, or to support a cause. Tax deductions are earned at the time of your gift, while grants awarded from your fund will continue investing in the community forever.

DECIDE WHAT TO GIVE

Almost any kind of asset can be used to start your fund, including cash, publicly-traded securities, closely-held stock, real estate, life insurance, tangible personal property and private foundation assets. We can also discuss other options with you, depending on your current situation.

CHOOSE THE NAME OF YOUR FUND

Most of our funds are named for the donor or the donor's family or as a memorial to someone special. Every grant from the fund will carry this name. If you prefer anonymity, you may choose a name that reflects your fund's charitable purposes.

CHOOSE A TYPE OF FUND

We offer a variety of funds that are flexible enough to meet our donor's different charitable interests and level of involvement in grantmaking.

Types of Funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS offer the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made to where our community's needs are greatest.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS create grants that meet the needs in a particular field such as abuse, arts, environment, beautification or a geographic area that is of interest to you.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS allow donors to make suggestions about distributions of income and principal. It is especially useful for donors who want to take a charitable deduction one year and make distributions over several years.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS assist students in furthering their education, whether it be a two- or four-year college or university, technical school or graduate level.

DESIGNATED FUNDS are established to ensure that support will be provided to specific eligible non-profit organizations, often organizations with which donors have been involved during their lifetimes.

ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS assist non-profit organizations to plan for their future by providing an income stream for the operations or for a specific project or program.

Ways We Can Help:

1. Managing the fund, overseeing its investment and maintaining tax records.
2. Providing the services of experienced grantmakers who know the community, its needs and its organizations.
3. Ensuring that grants are always awarded in the name of your fund.
4. Providing regular financial reports detailing the activities of your fund.



Why Choose Fairfield County Foundation?

NOBODY KNOWS FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIKE WE DO

When you choose to invest in the future of your community, you want to work with someone who knows the territory. We can lend valuable insight that will help your charitable giving achieve maximum results. We make grants that cover the entire spectrum of charitable giving and serve as a valuable resource as you are forming your plans for the future.

WE HELP YOU ACHIEVE SUPERIOR TAX BENEFITS

The Fairfield County Foundation is an established public charity under the IRS, so your contributions of any size are eligible for the highest available tax benefits. In most cases, these tax benefits outweigh using your assets to establish your own private foundation.

SETTING UP A FUND IS EASY

Establishing your fund can be accomplished in less time than it takes to open a bank account. The Foundation takes care of all administrative and grantmaking activities, eliminating the need for you to set up a separate institution, formulate policies, file forms and monitor the status of grant recipients. We help you accomplish your charitable goals while saving you precious time and money. We make supporting your charitable causes easy.

LIKE YOU, WE CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE

By setting up a fund, you have the ideal opportunity to BUILD a Legacy for you and the community. Your permanent endowment will continue to grow and make a difference in the community forever.

Make a Difference Today

By establishing a fund with us, you will know your gift is in good hands. Our staff can help you identify where your gifts will best benefit the community.

The result is a lasting legacy that addresses the needs of today and the challenges of tomorrow, establishes a tradition of philanthropy and ensures that your fund will develop community capital to improve the quality of life now and well into the future. We are your local source for comprehensive charitable giving.

To learn more about establishing a fund or donating to the Foundation, please contact us today at 740.654.8451.

I am interested in learning more about the Fairfield County Foundation.

Please send me the following information:

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What Do I Do Now?

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO PHILANTHROPY

-  • **Discuss your overall philanthropic goals** with your family members and legal or tax advisors.
-  • **Decide how much you can afford** to give and when you want to give.
-  • **Determine the causes/organizations** that will use your donations to meet the goals you support.
-  • **Meet with Foundation staff** to discuss your plan. Ask questions, explore the different gift vehicles available to you and review the documents needed to implement your plan.
-  • **Share the documents** with your family and your professional advisors.
-  • **Call or email our Foundation staff.** You may know precisely which causes you want to support, or you may not. Either way, we can help you personalize a grantmaking program that fits your needs and fulfills your charitable goals forever. Let us show you just how easy, flexible and effective your charitable giving can be. You can make a lasting difference by giving something back to the community that helped you get where you are today.

Special thank you to Orman Hall for allowing the Foundation to use his beautiful photo on the front of this brochure.