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 Wichita County
Community Foundation, Inc.

What's a "Community" Foundation?

We're a community foundation, a tax-exempt public charity that enables people like you to establish charitable funds. Your fund will be commingled with our other funds and managed professionally. Its assets will grow over time. You and your family and colleagues are encouraged to continue giving to the fund to help it grow even more. Grants will be awarded from your fund to support local charitable organizations, in accordance with your interests.

Like all community foundations, we are overseen by a volunteer board of leading citizens with expertise in knowing our community's needs. We go beyond simply making grants that advance charitable activities; we also identify current and emerging issues, stimulate resources to address those needs and help our county prepare for the future.

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



How

does it work?

The community foundation idea is simple: Anyone may use it to give something back to the community.

Assets that you donate to the foundation create one of several types of funds to support your charitable goals. We offer you a full menu of planned giving options to tailor your gift.

You can create a fund in honor of someone you love or to celebrate a special event. You can direct your gift broadly or narrowly to issues you care about or to wherever the needs are greatest. However you give, your gift can change lives – today and in the future.

We use professionals to invest and manage our assets. Our board is made up of local citizens who know the community. And they can help you create the gift that makes the difference you want.

We offer you power and flexibility in charitable giving without the legal paperwork, time and expenses associated with running your own private 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?

1. 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 into the future.

2. Decide What to Give

Almost any kind of asset can be used to start your fund, such as cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, interests in limited partnerships, real estate, life insurance, tangible personal property and private foundation assets. We can also discuss other options with you, such as bequests, charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable lead trusts, pooled income funds, charitable gift annuities, life income and deferred charitable gift annuities.

3. Choose the Name for Your Fund

Most 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.

4. Choose a Type of Fund

We offer a variety of funds that are flexible to meet our donor's different charitable interests: **Unrestricted Funds** offer the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made to

wherever our board determines our community's needs are the greatest.

Field-of-Interest Funds create grants that meet needs in a particular field or geographic area that is of interest to you.

Donor-Advised Funds enable you to recommend specific organizations to receive grants.

Scholarship Funds help students pursue academic goals. You may define guidelines for candidacy, the advisory committee, the school and the award itself.

Designated Funds let you support specific organizations while we make sure that grants to these groups remain relevant over time and responsive to changing circumstances.

Organizational Endowment Funds are established by nonprofit organizations to provide income to them. We handle all administrative and investment responsibilities, freeing the organization to pursue its charitable mission.

Seven 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.

Determine the causes/organizations that will use your donations to meet the goals you support.

Meet with us 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.

Transfer your gift to us.

Review our confirmation of your completed gift and the ongoing progress of grants that



why

choose us?

We Know Our Community

When you choose to invest in the future of our community, you want to work with someone who knows the territory. The broad cross-section of leaders who guide our work lends valuable insight that will help your charitable giving achieve maximum results.

We Help You Achieve Superior Tax Benefits

Since the IRS considers us a public charity, contributions are eligible for the highest available tax deductions. In most cases, these tax benefits outweigh using your assets to establish your own private foundation.

We Make Set-up and Administration Easy

Establishing a fund can be done in less time than it takes to open a bank account. We take care of all the administrative and grantmaking activities, eliminating the need for you to set up a separate institution, formulate policies, file innumerable forms and monitor the status of grant recipients. We save you precious time and money.

We Share Your Interests

We are here to help you become connected to the issues you care about most. Your charitable interests and priorities are important to us because committed, caring citizens are so important to our community's well-being.

We Care About the Future

By setting up a fund, you have the ideal opportunity to create a legacy for you and for our area.

Go Ahead - Make A Difference

By establishing a fund with us, you'll know your gifts are in good hands. Our board 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 premier local source for comprehensive charitable gift planning. To learn more about establishing a fund, please contact us.

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Please contact me, I am interested in learning more about (check all that apply):

Creating a fund that would award grants to meet our community's greatest needs

Creating a scholarship fund

Creating a fund through my will

Creating a fund that would benefit a general field in which I am interested:

Creating a fund in which I, or my family, could participate by suggesting grants to particular organizations

Creating a trust that would provide income to me and my family for life and would afterwards address community needs

Creating a fund that would benefit a specific organization

Establishing an endowment fund for a nonprofit organization

Transferring the assets of a private foundation

Other: _____

The best time to reach me is _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

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