

# Where your heart leads, your giving can follow.



community foundation

Mason County



The Community Foundation is home to over 145 charitable funds. Yours can be one of them. You can give today, or leave a gift in the future, in any amount to any of our existing funds. With your gift of \$5,000, or \$10,000 for scholarships, you can start a named fund of your own. We'll be happy to help you choose the option that's best for you.

## Types of Funds

**Unrestricted** - These powerful funds address the opportunities and challenges that Mason County faces. Each year, our Distribution Committee decides where unrestricted funds would have the greatest impact in the community. As the community changes, so will the projects that your fund supports. With a minimum gift of \$5,000, an Unrestricted Fund may be established in your name to support our community forever.

**Donor Advised** - Advised Funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families, businesses, or groups that want to be actively involved in suggesting what community investments are made. Unlike other fund types, Advised Funds are not limited to the typical 4% annual distribution. As long as the \$10,000 fund minimum is maintained, you can recommend grants of whatever amounts you'd like.

**Field of Interest** - Support the arts, education, youth, community beautification, health and human services, the environment, or whatever broad area of interest you choose. Tell us what aspects of the community you care most about, and we'll make grants from your fund to advance work being done in that field.

**Designated** - These funds support the specific nonprofit organization(s) that you, as the donor, designate. Perhaps your church, school, or another agency has made a significant impact on your life; a Designated Fund will allow you to continue to support these organizations even when you're gone.

**Scholarships** - With a minimum gift of \$25,000, a Scholarship Fund can help support students continuing their education. We'll work with you to establish guidelines for eligibility, or you can leave it to us to determine where your award will fill the greatest community need and make the most impact.

**Organization Endowment** - These funds are typically started by a nonprofit to build endowment for their own organization. We manage the endowments of more than 29 Mason County nonprofits. These organizations receive regular grant distributions from their fund.

**Community Project** - These non-endowed funds are created by groups who partner with us for help with administration of a specific program, capital campaign, or other service.

**Build A Fund (BAF)** - If starting a fund with \$10,000 isn't possible, any of these funds can begin as a Build A Fund with the goal of reaching the fund minimum within a few years. Once the balance is sufficient, we'll work with you to officially convert the fund into the type you desire, and grantmaking can begin.

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