

# Your Community Foundation for MASON COUNTY.



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## GIVE. GROW. GRANT.

These three words summarize our work and the concept of endowment. Generous people give gifts, we invest those gifts for growth, and the investment earnings are used to make grants that build our community...forever.

**Give.** When you give to the Community Foundation, what are you giving to? Whatever is important to you! Since we were founded, donors and nonprofits have created funds to support the causes that matter to them. Scholarships, the arts, feeding the hungry, the environment, churches, health issues, community development, and more. The only limit to what you can support is your imagination!

It's easy to **give now** via check or credit card, or call us for help to transfer stock, real estate, or other assets. You can also **give later** by leaving a legacy gift through your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. Your favorite causes can still count on your support, and your generosity can continue after you're gone.

**Grow.** Gifts to endowed funds aren't intended to be spent. Instead, they're invested and the earnings are used to make grants back into the community. For those who wish to meet today's needs with today's dollars, our Donor Advised Funds offer more grantmaking flexibility.

**Grant.** We've awarded nearly \$8 million in scholarships and grants to our community! Some are directed by donors - past and present - and the rest is overseen by our grant committees, who pore over proposals and ask tough questions before awarding grants that will impact our entire community.

### *An example of the power of endowment - start your family legacy with a \$20,000 gift:*

After 25 years:

- **\$29,000 in grants**
- **\$26,000 balance**



After 50 years:

- **\$90,000 in grants**
- **\$85,000 balance**



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