

# Giving to Your Community Foundation

Your local community foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that contributes time, leadership and financial support to initiatives that benefit your community most.

## DONOR

Anyone can become a donor and gift a small or large amount of money to a community foundation.

## DONOR ENGAGEMENT

Community foundations and donors work together to determine what community activities the money can support.

## MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

Community foundations work with the donor to establish a new endowment fund or give to an existing fund.

## INVESTMENT

The donor's gift is pooled with a community foundation's endowed assets, invested through careful stewardship and income is used to make grants.

## GRANTS

Community foundations distribute grants to all corners of the community, based on the needs of the community and the priorities set by the community foundation.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The community foundation invests in many ways — grants, building partnerships and pooling knowledge, resources and expertise to stimulate ideas and strengthen community.



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### Why contribute to a community foundation?

- ✓ **Community knowledge** | A deep understanding of local needs and opportunities.
- ✓ **Expertise** | Community foundations are credible partners. They are people with expertise in financial management and granting.
- ✓ **Leadership** | Community foundations are led by a board of directors comprised of knowledgeable community leaders.