



Types of Funds

Whether you want to impact a particular cause or have a favorite nonprofit organization you wish to support, giving to the Community Foundation offers flexibility in the types of funds that you can create or to which you can donate.

Unrestricted funds create a living impact that will grow and change with the community by directing dollars toward the most pressing needs.

Designated funds specify a particular charitable agency or organization to receive the proceeds.

Donor-advised funds let the donor suggest which organizations and projects are to be impacted.

Field-of-interest funds let the donor choose to impact a general area of concern, such as the arts, education or health.

Scholarship funds enable donors to impact the higher-education needs of students of all ages.

Establishing a fund is easy and your gift supports the long-term vitality of your community by helping:

- Organizations dedicated to improving the lives of you and your neighbors;
- Students pursuing education beyond high school;
- Donors with a charitable dream.

So call the Steuben County Community Foundation today to make your gift and leave a lasting impact.



Where Giving Has Impact



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Our Pledge

The Steuben County Community Foundation stimulates progressive action through its vision, leadership, stewardship and growth impacting the community's quality of life through local giving.

Logo

The SCCF logo visually displays an intentional practice of promoting philanthropy in all areas of Steuben County. In addition, the four corners of the logo represent the four principles stated in the Foundation's pledge:

- Vision
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Growth

In the circle at the center of the logo are our donors, who through their generosity impact those on the four paths that lead outward from the center: nonprofit organizations, grant seekers, scholarship seekers, and professional advisors.



Where Giving Has Impact

The Community Foundation's Impact

The Steuben County Community Foundation is defined by the impact it has on donors, nonprofit organizations, grant seekers, scholarship seekers, professional advisors and the community as a whole.

How We Impact the Community:

- We provide long-term leadership, promoting philanthropy by offering all members of the community a model of how to give.
- As a catalyst, we focus on community needs, creating ways to meet those needs, resolve issues and build a stronger community.
- We provide information and referral, helping members of the community understand and gain access to services.
- As a convener, we bring together many independent, possibly competitive, organizations to coordinate efforts to resolve community issues for positive impact.

How We Impact Donors:

- The Community Foundation makes it possible for donors to impact those charitable causes that are close to their hearts.
- Because their funds are endowed, our donors can be assured that the impact of their gifts will last forever.
- We make giving easy by accepting many types of gifts and by handling all the details – paperwork, grant follow-up, accounting/reporting, etc.
- Donors can choose the types of funds they wish to establish and can have as much or as little involvement in those funds as they desire.
- We provide advice to donors about community needs and where their dollars can have the greatest impact.
- Giving to endowed funds offers donors tax advantages.
- Our board and staff are excellent stewards of our donors' gifts.

How We Impact Nonprofit Organizations:

- Through agency endowments, nonprofit and community agencies have a source of income so they can continue to have impact into the future.
- We offer nonprofit agencies much-needed assistance with board development, fund-raising, operating issues, planned giving and more.

How We Impact Grant Seekers:

- Through the awarding of grants, the Community Foundation helps grant seekers accomplish their missions and impact the community.

- Grants provide assistance in meeting emerging community needs.
- The Foundation assists with information about additional sources of funding.

How We Impact Scholarship Seekers:

- With a variety of endowed scholarships, the Community Foundation impacts students by making it possible for them to pursue an education beyond high school.

How We Impact Professional Advisors:

- The Community Foundation offers professional advisors planned giving tools that enhance their ability to impact their clients by offering them ways to meet their charitable and estate planning needs.
- Through education and training opportunities, we help professional advisors raise their level of expertise concerning trends in and methods of charitable giving.

Ways You Can Help

Anyone can be a donor. Gifts of any size will have lasting impact through the Community Foundation. Your gift – to your endowed fund or to any other endowed fund – will be combined with other gifts and will be invested. The returns of that investment will be used to support needs in our local communities. The many ways you can have impact include:

Outright gifts, a simple and convenient way to donate, offer you the pleasure of seeing the impact of your gift in your lifetime. Cash and appreciated securities or real estate are the most typical gifts.

Bequests of cash or property through a will are made easily and are free of estate taxes.

Life insurance can offer an immediate tax deduction in the amount of the cash value of the policy where the Foundation is named as the irrevocable beneficiary. And in most cases, any premiums that you pay thereafter are deductible as charitable gifts.

Trusts are life-payment plans that allow donors to make a substantial gift to charity while still providing for their own personal needs. Plans include bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance and retirement plans.