

START YOUR CHARITABLE JOURNEY

*The Elk County Community Foundation
can help you achieve your philanthropic goals.*

Philanthropy means literally "love of mankind". For many people, it is important to support their local non-profit organizations, schools, and the communities they love. You may think you have to be wealthy to establish your own charitable fund. But there are many levels of giving and many ways to give.

It only takes \$5,000 to start granting when you establish a fund with the Elk County Community Foundation.

The reality is anyone can get behind a good cause and become a donor. Like a charitable savings account, a fund can be established at the Community Foundation and when it reaches a minimum of \$5,000 you can start making awards. Charitable giving funds at the Community Foundation provide a simple, powerful, and personal approach to giving.

The ECCF provides grant making and administrative support for your fund. Gifts made today grow and provide resources for our community far into the future. For more information on how to achieve your charitable goals, contact the Foundation at 814-834-2125.

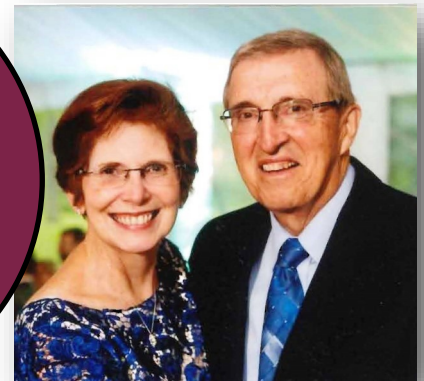
TYPES OF FUNDS

DONOR ADVISED FUND

EXAMPLE: Jake & Mary Meyer Fund

Donor Advised Funds are for individuals and families who want to support causes that are meaningful to them, while seeking active involvement in choosing their grant recipients. These funds offer a tax benefit while allowing donors to make grants over time to a variety of their favorite nonprofit organizations.

JAKE & MARY MEYER
ESTABLISHED A DONOR ADVISED
FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING FUNDS TO
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF
THEIR CHOOSING THAT ARE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR
COMMUNITY. THEIR FUND
AWARDS A GRANT TO A
NONPROFIT OF THEIR CHOICE
EACH YEAR.



THE JAMES & GLORIA STRAUB
PINECREST ACTIVITIES FUND WAS
DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL NURSING
HOME WHERE GLORIA SPENT SO
MANY HOURS AS A
DEDICATED VOLUNTEER.

DESIGNATED FUND

EXAMPLE: James & Gloria
Straub Pinecrest Activities
Department Fund

Designated funds allow you to direct your gift to a specific agency or purpose. Almost any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization may be designated to receive support for its mission. You identify the recipient(s) you wish to benefit through your gift and our staff manages the annual distribution of funds from the endowment.



UNRESTRICTED FUND

EXAMPLE: ELK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This unrestricted fund is a general fund that allows the flexibility to address your community's changing needs through strategic grant making each year. Rather than designating how the money will be spent, you allow the Foundation to determine the most effective ways to meet our community's most pressing needs. Annually, our unrestricted fund awards thousands of dollars in grants to nonprofit organizations.



EACH YEAR, THE ELK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FUND AWARDS GRANTS TO MANY NONPROFITS IN ELK COUNTY FOR PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS. YOU CAN HELP FUND WORTHY PROJECTS BY MAKING A DONATION TO THIS GENERAL FUND.

THE MORE YOU GIVE,
THE MORE WE GIVE!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

EXAMPLE: THE CARIBARDI FAMILY FUND

Individuals, families, companies, and organizations establish scholarship funds to allow students to pursue academic goals. Working with the Foundation, you determine the criteria for your scholarship such as level of education (preschool to post-graduation), a field of study, and other eligibility requirements.



THE CARIBARDI FAMILY FUND WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE FAMILY OF PATRICIA CARIBARDI TO HONOR HER MEMORY AND HER BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF EDUCATION. THIS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A JOHNSONBURG STUDENT PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND

EXAMPLE: RIDGWAY YMCA ENDOWMENT FUND

An Agency Endowment Fund is usually created by the organization itself for the express purpose of providing a source of permanent, ongoing support to a specific nonprofit organization. The endowments are usually open-ended so that once they are established other donors may contribute to the fund. An agency endowment is a perfect vehicle to accept charitable bequests.



THE RIDGWAY YMCA ESTABLISHED ITS AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND IN 2007 TO SECURE A SOURCE OF PERMANENT SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION. EACH YEAR, THE YMCA CAN USE A DESIGNATED PERCENTAGE OF THE FUND FOR OPERATIONS, PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS.



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