FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

FOLLOWING A PASSION

Through a Field of Interest Fund, donors can support specific areas of concern. The Columbus Foundation will make grants to the most appropriate and effective organizations within the donor’s chosen field of interest.

A FIELD OF INTEREST FUND allows you to focus your significant contribution towards an area of interest that is meaningful to you, whether that is the elderly, children, education, healthcare, or a geographical area.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY.
Field of Interest Funds offer you the opportunity to support evolving needs and a variety of nonprofits focused on your broad area of interest. This type of fund allows donors to work closely with The Columbus Foundation’s Community Research and Grants Management team to identify organizations that are making the greatest impact in the area of your choice. It takes $10,000 or more to open your Field of Interest Fund.

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For over 20 years I have worked with The Columbus Foundation, as a grant recipient and recently as a donor with a passion for ensuring that young children have access to quality programs that give each child a chance to succeed. The Foundation has been supportive, caring, and generous to our group, helping us in so many ways.”

— LINDA D. NEUGEBAUER, EARLY CARE AND LEARNING FUND
KEY BENEFITS
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds are an ideal choice if you want to impact a specific philanthropic interest area, such as the arts, education, or the environment. Key benefits include:

EASY
Work with our experienced staff to create your own unique fund, and have access to valuable knowledge about area nonprofit organizations. Review your fund and utilize our online philanthropic marketplace PowerPhilanthropy to make your giving as effective and efficient as possible. We make supporting your philanthropic passions easy.

FLEXIBLE
Add to your fund anytime, and have access to your fund and grant history seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The Columbus Foundation can accept gifts of many types of assets, including stock and real property. Our staff will work closely with your financial advisor to help facilitate gifts of all types.

PERSONAL
Your fund is just that, your fund. It reflects the causes and organizations you care about—in central Ohio and beyond. We’re here to offer individualized service and strategies to help you carry out your goals and suggest ways to increase your impact through exclusive donor communications, workshops, and special events.

EFFICIENT
The Columbus Foundation handles all the administrative tasks of achieving your philanthropic goals—from investment options and keeping track of your gifts and grants to sending you quarterly statements of activity—all for a nominal administrative fee.

CONSIDER A FIELD OF INTEREST FUND IF YOU:

• Have a specific area of interest you would like to support.
• Want to learn more about other nonprofit organizations in our community offering programs and initiatives in your chosen field of interest.
• Believe in the research and community evaluation processes of The Columbus Foundation to determine needs and effectiveness of nonprofit programs.

ABOUT THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION
The Columbus Foundation is the trusted philanthropic advisor® to 2,400 individuals, families, and businesses, who have created charitable funds and planned gifts to make a difference in the lives of others through the most effective philanthropy possible. Serving the region for more than 70 years, The Columbus Foundation is the seventh largest community foundation in the United States. The Foundation’s online marketplace, PowerPhilanthropy®, makes giving mobile, easy, and smart.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP!
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