COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC.

EXTENDING THE REACH OF PHILANTHROPY

Donors often want to reach beyond central Ohio and make a difference on a regional, state or national level, in childhood hometowns, or in the communities they care about.

THROUGH COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC., donors can support a variety of programs and nonprofits in the communities they care about beyond central Ohio. As an affiliate of The Columbus Foundation, donors have access to a wide range of expertise, services, and resources. More than 148 charitable funds with a combined market value of $61 million have been created through Community Foundations, Inc.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY.
Individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and communities have established funds through Community Foundations, Inc.

You may create any type of fund: Designated, Donor Advised, Field of Interest, Organization Endowment, Scholarship, Supporting Foundation or Greatest Needs through Community Foundations, Inc. And, you’ll receive the same service and personalized attention from The Columbus Foundation staff to help you help others through the most effective philanthropy possible. You can use cash, stock, or other assets to create a named fund of Community Foundations, Inc. and qualify for an immediate income tax deduction. It takes $10,000 or more to open your fund, except for Scholarship Funds, which require $50,000 or more.

“...The Pickaway County Community Foundation has brought people together to discuss a range of important issues, which can be challenging in a county as diverse as Pickaway. It has given donors the opportunity to fund organizations that nurture ideas and support our community.”

— SHIRLEY BOWSER, FORMER CHAIR OF THE PICKAWAY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND DONOR
KEY BENEFITS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC. FUNDS

EASY
Work with our experienced staff to create your own unique fund that supports the community you care about. Manage your account 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. Community Foundations, Inc. can accept gifts of many types of assets, including stock and real property. The Foundation’s staff has considerable experience working with legal, financial, and other professional advisors to facilitate both current and planned gifts of complex assets.

PERSONAL
Your fund is just that, your fund. It reflects the causes and organizations you care about. 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
Community Foundations, Inc. 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 COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC. FUND IF YOU:

- Are passionate about supporting your community and its nonprofit programs and you live outside of Franklin County.
- Prefer to create a fund that supports a specific town or region outside of central Ohio.
- Want to contribute assets such as cash, publicly traded securities, mutual funds, real estate, or closely-held business interests.
- Are interested in strategies for involving children, other family, or others in giving.

INCREASE THE POWER OF YOUR GIVING

Access and manage your fund via PowerPhilanthropy 24 hours a day, at columbusfoundation.org. PowerPhilanthropy is an easy-to-use online resource featuring 600 local nonprofit organizations. You can also review your fund(s) activity and make grants to the nonprofits you care about.

ABOUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC.

Community Foundations, Inc. was established in 1987 to enable donors to support nonprofit organizations primarily in the state of Ohio and beyond the central Ohio region. Community Foundations, Inc., is an affiliate of The Columbus Foundation.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP!

Learn more about The Columbus Foundation and Community Foundations, Inc. by visiting us online at columbusfoundation.org. Please contact one of our Donor Services and Development officers by calling 614/251-4000 or emailing dsd@columbusfoundation.org.