

We all are indebted to the past, to forefathers who came before us. We drink from wells we have not dug. We enjoy liberties we have not won. We share communities whose foundations we have not laid.

In the same way, we are the seedlings of the future for those who come after us. Our decisions now will affect future generations. We have the ability to leave the world a better place than we found it.

Giving in an effective way helps minimize your tax-burden and maximize your giving dollars. You can leave a bequest upon your death to the Community Foundation through a fund for a cause you feel strongly about.

Starting a fund with the Community Foundation to be used after your death ensures the causes you care about will continue to be funded. It provides future generations access to the quality of life you enjoyed.

One person's charity can make an imprint in our region forever.

The Community Foundation is the right choice if:

- You don't want the expense of a private foundation.** In most cases, setting up a fund with us will give you similar giving opportunities and a larger tax break.
- You want to leave a legacy that will last.** The name and intent of your fund last forever.
- You want your legacy to help future generations.** Your fund will always be here making Northwest Missouri a better place for future generations to live.
- You want ongoing advice about community needs.** We know our region, its issues, and its non-profit organizations. We can help you be a part of solving community issues.
- You have a complicated financial transaction.** The sale of a privately-owned business or inheritance could impact your tax status. As a public charity, we can receive your gifts now while allowing you time to plan your charitable distribution.
- You want to give to a cause, not a specific charity.** Sometimes you have an interest you care deeply about such as children's literacy, hunger and homelessness, animals, or the arts. You can establish a field of interest fund for giving to organizations working in areas you specify.
- You want to support education through scholarships.** You can establish a scholarship fund with your chosen criteria and selection committee.
- You want to support multiple non-profits with one gift.** You may want to support a special charity or multiple charities. With one gift to the Community Foundation you can arrange to provide multiple organizations an annual grant in your name forever.

The measure of your life
will not be in what you
accumulate,
but in what you give away.

-Wayne Dyer



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