

TOOLS FOR GIVING

Meeting ever-changing community needs

Unrestricted Fund



When you establish an Unrestricted Fund, your gift addresses a broad range of local needs—including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

How it works

- You make an unrestricted gift to your community foundation during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- We set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Our professional program staff determines the areas of community need that would be most impacted by grants from your gift.
- Our board issues grants in the name of the fund you establish (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- We handle all the administrative details.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.



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A lasting legacy

M.S. and Esta Beecher, born in the 1870s, were adventurers from the Midwest who traveled the United States and Canada in their youth, survived the perilous journey to western Alaska's Yukon Territory in the Klondike Gold Rush in the 1890s, married in British Columbia in 1908, and settled in Auburn in 1923. After the Great Depression, the enterprising Beechers purchased a vacant parcel of Auburn land that held great potential for future development. Their vision was a bit ahead of its time, and early development efforts failed. Still, the Beechers persisted, and used the property to establish The Auburn Community Foundation in 1948. In giving the unrestricted gift, Mr. Beecher wrote: Times change and the Board will change and who are we to tie the hands of tomorrow? The Auburn Community Foundation is a clearing house for every charitable impulse, an escape from excessive inheritance taxes and income taxes of the higher brackets... The same opportunity is open to all who chose peace of mind by settling their worldly affairs while they can enjoy the satisfaction that comes from know that your wishes will be carried out.

Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations

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We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our professional program staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

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We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

More benefits

Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enables our experienced program staff and board to do what they do best—assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations that undertake our community's most critical work. Unrestricted Funds help your community foundation to support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, or environmental needs in our local community.

Grants are made in the name of the fund you establish, creating your personal legacy of giving. You may give your gift immediately or through your will or other estate planning strategy. If you endow your gift, it becomes a permanent community funding resource.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact your community foundation.