

Inspiring Thoughtful Giving

The Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity helping people like you accomplish your charitable goals. Since 1989, individuals, families, and corporations have used The Community Foundation's expertise to make the most of their gifts, frequently by creating personalized funds.

Set-up is easy. Administration is handled for you. Funds are managed professionally. Endowed assets grow over time. And . . . lives and communities are strengthened.



To learn more about The Community Foundation, and how our services can further your charitable goals, please contact our executive director or visit our website.

Our professional staff encourages you to schedule a meeting to discuss maximizing the impact of your gift, today and for the future.



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OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND

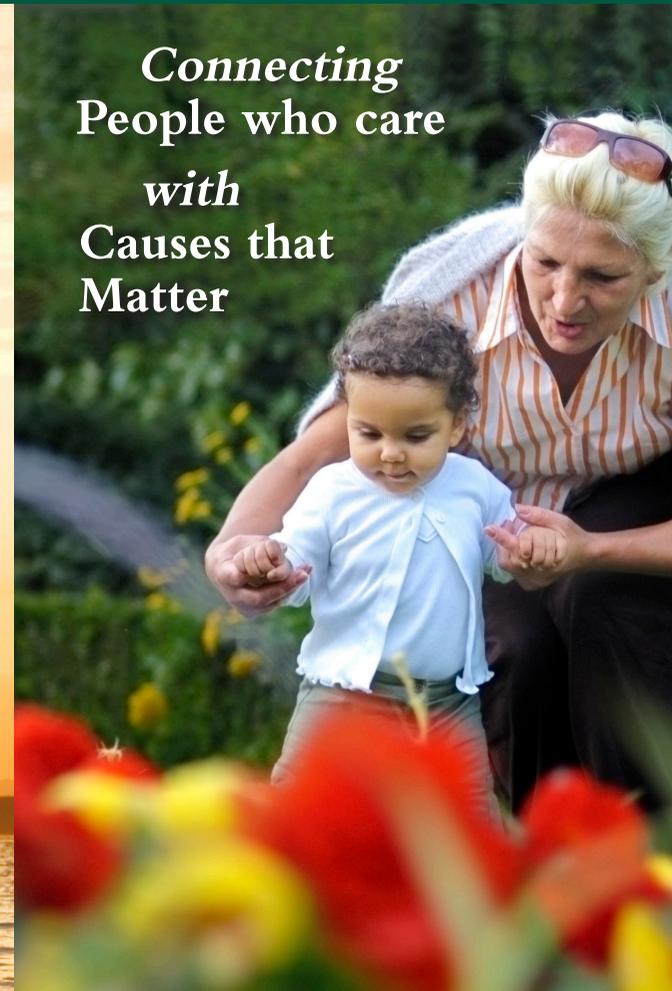
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Connecting People who care with Causes that Matter



Generosity is a Catalyst

*It creates hope and possibility.
It embraces the needs of real people.
It celebrates our shared humanity.*

*So What Does it Take to Give?
Compassion...Initiative...
Purpose*

*To reach its full potential
Generosity also needs
Integrity and Guidance.*

*When people decide to give
a community is strengthened.*

It's Truly as Simple as That.



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Why Partner with a Community Foundation?

THERE ARE MANY REASONS people choose to give through The Foundation.

- We are a LOCAL organization led by a board comprised of community leaders. Our board members have the expertise to address community issues and evaluate local nonprofit groups, today and for the future.
- We offer EASY SET-UP AND ADMINISTRATION. Establishing a fund can be done in less time than it takes to open a bank account.
- We assist individuals and families in BUILDING A LEGACY by helping them create a permanent fund, called an endowment, with their gifts.
- We offer MAXIMUM TAX ADVANTAGES under state and federal law.
- We offer DIVERSE FUND TYPES, providing donors a continuum of options for how involved they want to be in grantmaking.
- We offer GEOGRAPHIC FLEXIBILITY. The Foundation's primary focus is Thurston, Lewis and Mason counties. However, grants may go to charitable organizations within the U.S.



Types of Funds

OUR FLEXIBILITY allows you many fund options – it's your choice.

UNRESTRICTED FUND > *Think broadly*

Choose The Foundation to identify community needs and opportunities, and then distribute grants where they are most needed.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND > *Address specific issues*

Decide the general purpose of your fund, such as the environment, arts, health or education. Then The Foundation will identify projects that serve your fund's purpose.

DESIGNATED FUND > *Provide ongoing support*

Specify particular charitable agencies or organizations to receive the income from your endowed (permanent) fund.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND > *Support student education*

Provide scholarships to students using guidelines you establish such as high school or college attended, merit, need, or field of study.

DONOR ADVISED FUND > *Stay involved*

Allows donors to actively participate in the grantmaking process. Donors may recommend disbursements to specific charities at any time. Funds can be either endowed or have the principal expended.

How We Can Help You

Charitable giving should be a JOY, not a BURDEN. Your gift should be both easy and rewarding. We can:

- Accept a wide VARIETY of ASSETS and facilitate complex forms of giving, helping you meet both financial and charitable goals.
- Work with family members, if you wish, to develop an effective STRUCTURE and FRAMEWORK for family philanthropy.
- Partner with PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS to create individual, effective approaches to charitable giving.
- IDENTIFY nonprofit organizations that address issues important to you, and VERIFY their charitable status. We also provide grantmaking and documentation support.
- MANAGE all investment, grantmaking and administrative activities. We handle the paperwork.
- Issue REGULAR FINANCIAL REPORTS detailing your contributions, grants and fund balance.



Naming Your Fund . . .

Most funds are named for the donor or their family, or as a memorial to someone special. Or, you may choose a name that reflects your fund's charitable purpose or one that ensures your privacy. Every grant from your fund will carry this name forward through time.



Everyone Can Be a Donor

Many of The Community Foundation's existing funds are open to individual contributions. For a list of those funds, visit The Foundation's website at: www.thecommunityfoundation.com

No gift is too small;
all gifts are significant!

1. COMMIT to give

Once you make the commitment to give you can create a charitable fund today, establish it in your will, or create it through a trust arrangement.

2. CHOOSE a type of fund

There are a variety of fund types to meet your philanthropic and family goals. You can give broadly, support specific causes or stay involved with your giving by advising grants. Involve your family. Remain anonymous. It's up to you.

3. DECIDE what to give

Almost any kind of asset can be used to start your fund. You can explore options such as bequests and charitable trusts. Tax deductions are earned at the time of your gift.