



When was the last time you changed someone's life?

Some people help improve the community by giving their time to help programs and people in need. Others donate money directly to their favorite nonprofit organization. That is always essential. We all can make an impact in big and small ways, every single day, and many of us do.

But what about giving in a different way? What about helping forever?

The power of an endowment is in its continuity. Your endowed gift to Four County Community Foundation is preserved, with the funds pooled for maximum benefit and invested to achieve long-term growth. Endowed gifts become part of the Four County Community Foundation's permanent endowment, meaning they will benefit the community forever.

Your generosity builds community.

Regardless of the size of your gift today, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that, 100 years from now, your money will still be working for the cause you support. We can think of no greater calling.

Won't you join us? Together we are changing lives.

6 Benefits to giving through Four County Community Foundation

Creative and easy ways to give

We offer abundant choices to make current or deferred gifts. We will work with you and your professional advisor to identify your best giving options.

Maximum tax benefits

Your contributions qualify for the maximum benefit allowable deduction for income, gift, and estate tax purposes.

Strong investment stewardship

Your gift will be placed in our highly diversified asset pool, benefitting from the guidance of experienced professional investment managers.

Leaving your legacy

Through your endowed fund at Four County Community Foundation, you can create a permanent legacy of your charitable intent for local nonprofits or scholarships for generations to come. You will have the satisfaction of knowing your money is working to benefit the causes you care about today, forever.

Leadership and community knowledge

Our staff is knowledgeable about the challenges and opportunities in Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair Counties and is available to help you make the most informed decisions possible about your giving.

Recognition or anonymity

Four County Community Foundation appreciates the generosity of our donors! We would love to share your story to inspire others to give. We also provide the assurance of privacy for donors who prefer to give anonymously.

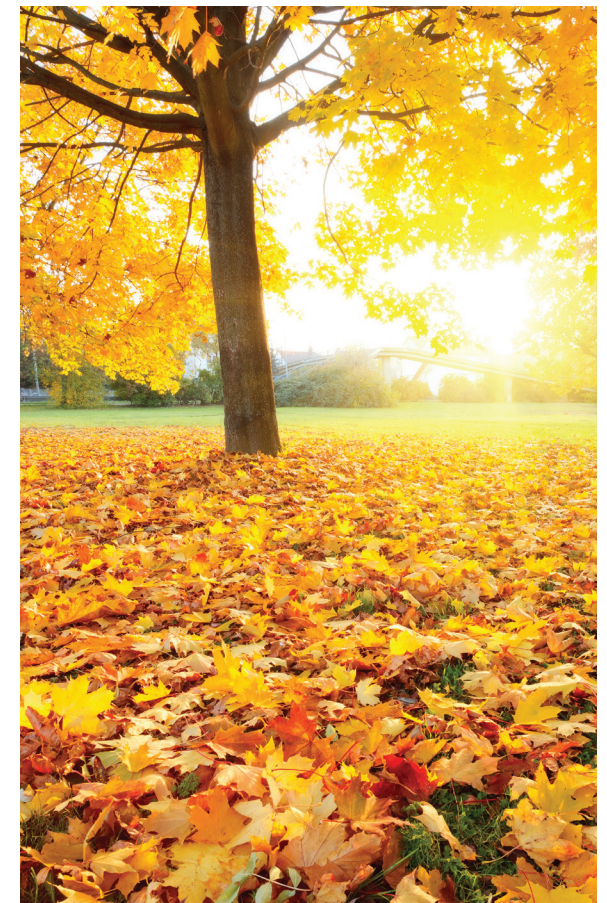


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Studies show there is a real psychological benefit to philanthropy – it gives us a feeling of value and satisfaction. It feeds our desire to make a difference in our community.

Many people who are making estate plans are also thinking about how they will be remembered after they are gone.

There are many ways to give. The key to having rewarding giving experience is finding the best fit for your charitable priorities, financial goals, and personal preferences.

The following information is designed to start a conversation with your professional advisor about your charitable plans.



What sort of impact would you like to make?

- ☐ I want to give back to the community that has contributed to my success
- ☐ I want to improve the quality of life in my community
- ☐ I want to share my good fortune with others who are less fortunate
- ☐ I want to meet urgent, critical needs
- ☐ I want to help the largest number of people possible
- ☐ I want to make a significant difference in the lives of a few
- ☐ Other: _____



Which causes or organizations do you hope to advance with your giving?

- ☐ My community's greatest needs
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Arts and culture
- ☐ Clothing, food, shelter
- ☐ Disadvantaged youth
- ☐ Economic development
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Four County Community Foundation operations
- ☐ Health & Human services
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ Alma mater: _____
- ☐ Faith organization: _____
- ☐ Favorite charity: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

How would you like to time your gifts from a personal perspective?

- ☐ I want to give all gifts during my lifetime
- ☐ I want to give some gifts during my lifetime and some after death
- ☐ I want to give all gifts after death

How long should any fund you might establish last?

- ☐ Four County Community Foundation offers endowments, where the principal is invested and grows over time, and grants are made from the earnings – forever.
- ☐ I want to endow my entire gift
- ☐ I want to endow some of my gift and make a portion available for immediate distribution
- ☐ I want to distribute all of my gift right away

Would you like information on any of the following topics?

- ☐ Starting a fund at Four County Community Foundation
- ☐ Understanding community needs and opportunities
- ☐ Evaluating charitable-giving options
- ☐ Financial and tax benefits of various types of gifts



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