

# Thriving philanthropy Thriving communities



Princeton Area  
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



# Princeton Area Community Foundation

**As experts in philanthropy, we make it easy and effective for generous people to give to the causes they care about, both locally and nationally.**

Since 1991, we have been collaborating with philanthropists, nonprofits and community leaders to connect donors to causes that address our region's most critical needs.

When you open a fund at the Community Foundation, you join our community of philanthropists who want to make an impact through their giving and know they can access our expert guidance and support. You can tap into our staff's local expertise, and you can also recommend grants to nonprofits nationwide. Accredited by National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the Princeton Area Community Foundation consistently meets the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence. We have been ranked among the Top Ten Community Foundations in the country by Charity Navigator.

## Helping philanthropists make an impact

With more than 400 charitable funds under our care, the Princeton Area Community Foundation helps connect people, private foundations and companies to the causes that matter most to them. As a fundholder, you recommend grants for nonprofits, while we handle the administrative work and ensure each goes to a qualified nonprofit organization in good standing. Our staff has deep knowledge of the local community and understands best practices in grantmaking. We share that expertise with our fundholders, which can help you make effective charitable gifts and become more strategic philanthropists.



*The Princeton Area Community Foundation was named by  
Charity Navigator as **One of America's 10 Best Community Foundations**  
and to its list of **Top 10 Highly Rated Charities in New Jersey.***

## What are the benefits of opening a charitable fund?

Our charitable funds, including donor advised funds, make it easy for you to support your favorite charities. You receive immediate tax benefits when you make a gift to your fund, and your charitable dollars are invested in our high-quality pool.

### Philanthropic expertise

We are leaders in the philanthropic community, and our expert staff can help you meet your giving goals, locally and nationally.

### Tax Benefits

Make a gift to your fund, and you'll receive an immediate tax benefit. We accept cash, stock or other assets like real estate or life insurance policies. Gifts to your fund always qualify for the maximum tax benefit under state and federal law, including (in the case of assets with appreciated value) the advantages associated with donating potential capital gains.

### Named and anonymous funds

You name the fund—after yourself, your family, or even an anonymous name, with meaning to you. Your grants can be anonymous as well.

### Flexibility

Endow your fund to make an impact now and forever, or create a spendable fund that will allow you to grant more than the endowed rate (currently 4%). With a donor advised fund, you can recommend grants anytime to support the causes and organizations you care about. You can add to your fund at any time, even with a legacy gift from your estate.





# What type of fund is best for you?

## Donor Advised Funds

Create your own charitable giving account. Open it with a tax-deductible contribution of cash or other assets, and then recommend grants to favorite charities at any time.

## Designated Funds

Focus charitable giving on specific nonprofits. Over time, the Community Foundation's staff manages the distributions from the fund according to the terms you establish.

## Community Grantmaking Funds

Address emerging needs and community priorities by supporting the Community Foundation's ongoing grantmaking. These grants support nonprofits and projects that will have the greatest impact, now and in the future.

## Business Advised Funds

Community Foundation staff support businesses with robust due diligence and deep knowledge of the charitable landscape. This model may include extensive support for corporate contributions, staff and committees.

## Legacy Funds

Through a bequest, create a long-term fund to support the agency or community need that you are most passionate about. Establish parameters for future grantmaking under the ongoing guidance and expertise of the Community Foundation's staff.

## Field of Interest Funds

Target your giving to specific areas of community need, including the arts, DEI, education, environment, food insecurity, social justice and social services.

## Unrestricted Endowments

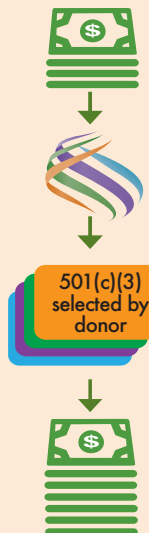
Support future community needs. One of the biggest benefits of a community foundation is its perpetual structure, which allows support to nonprofits to evolve over time as priorities in the region shift.

## Nonprofit Agency Funds

More than 60 nonprofit organizations house their long-term funds with us because they trust our stewardship of their charitable dollars.

## How does a donor advised fund work?

A donor advised fund (DAF) is a simple way to give to the causes that matter most to you.

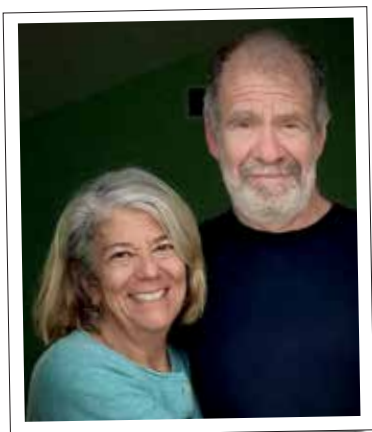


**Open your fund and receive an immediate tax benefit:** make a gift of cash, securities, real estate or closely held or pre-IPO stock, intellectual property, real assets or partnership interests.

**Your gift is invested in our high-quality investment pool,** and excellent stewardship provides increased capital over time to support causes you care about.

**Recommend grants anytime.**  
We handle the administrative work.

**Replenish your fund anytime.**  
Your philanthropic investments can grow over time as you continue your giving journey.



*“Through the Community Foundation, we are prefunding the giving that we will do in retirement...With a Donor Advised Fund at a commercial vendor, fees create profits for that vendor, but fees from Funds at Community Foundations ultimately help nonprofits trying to help the community.”*

Carol and Andrew Golden

## How can we help you?

### Simplified giving

We manage administrative details, including nonprofit due diligence, and issue grants in your fund's name. Simplified receipts make your tax reporting easy. You may recommend grants or check your fund balance 24/7 on our online fundholder portal.

### Grantmaking expertise

You may draw on our professional staff's deep knowledge to make effective grants and learn about grant opportunities through educational events for fundholders. You may also contribute directly to the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking programs to make a difference in our region.

### Strong investment management

Long-term funds are invested in our high-quality investment pool designed for long-term growth. Thanks to our unique relationship with Princeton University Investment Company (PRINCO), we have access to best-in-class investment management firms around the world, in diverse asset classes. The investment pool has generated strong long-term returns.

### Family philanthropy

We can share philanthropic tools and, as a consultative service, facilitate family discussions about charitable giving to help you develop a plan that will ensure your philanthropic legacy. You enjoy the strengthened bonds that result.

*Contact us to learn more about opening a charitable fund.*

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*“The community foundation gave us a vehicle for directing our philanthropy more systematically.”*

Michele Minter and Jeff Yuan

*“We are having such a rewarding experience as fundholders, we wanted to share that with our network. In our age group, there aren’t many people who know about Donor Advised Funds and the Community Foundation, so it felt like the right thing to do - to spread the word. The Community Foundation is a very helpful partner in a busy family’s giving process.”*

Andrea and Warren Stock





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## Are you thinking about creating a family foundation – or converting one to a DAF?

**Donor advised funds have some distinct advantages.**

The advantages of a DAF over a foundation include:

- Less administrative burden and fewer costs compared to family foundations
- No minimum required annual distribution
- Grants can be made anonymously.
- More favorable tax treatment
- Quicker start-up time and significantly lower costs to establish

There are some restrictions, so please contact us for further information about the option that is best for you.



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