

# Leave a Legacy



**Give to the future.** You've lived here. You've worked here. You are part of this community's past and present. By creating an endowment fund with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, you can invest in this community's future.



## How It Works

- Choose to endow your gift of \$10,000 or more to the community foundation — ask us about options for making gifts over time that add up to this minimum amount.
- The principal of your fund is never spent, and it can grow over time to generate an increasing stream of funding devoted to your interest areas and this community.
- Earnings are used to make grants that meet community needs. Your gift — and all future income from your gift — is a permanent source of community funding that makes good works possible, forever.

## Your Legacy of Giving

When you choose to endow your gift, you have the opportunity to make a difference during your lifetime and, at the same time, provide for the community you care about for generations to come.

As needs, opportunities and the nonprofit organizations that address them change over time, your wishes are preserved, and grants continue to make life better in the name of the fund you established.



## A Legacy for the Future

When Vicky Schroeder started the Take 5 Club, she knew that helping children feel good about themselves with clean clothes that fit was something she wanted to do forever.

“When I started this, I had just gotten over cancer. ... I didn’t want to start anything that I wasn’t going to be able to carry through,” Schroeder says.

She started the Take 5 Club Fund as an Acorn Fund and now it is fully endowed. Schroeder’s goal is to build the fund to \$100,000 before she starts drawing from it to support operations and eventually hand over the reins to the Foundation.

“I knew that there might come a time either healthwise or I might decide that (Take 5) can work on its own, that I wanted it to have a future. This way, it will always be there for the children.”

More information:  
[www.takefiveclub.org](http://www.takefiveclub.org)

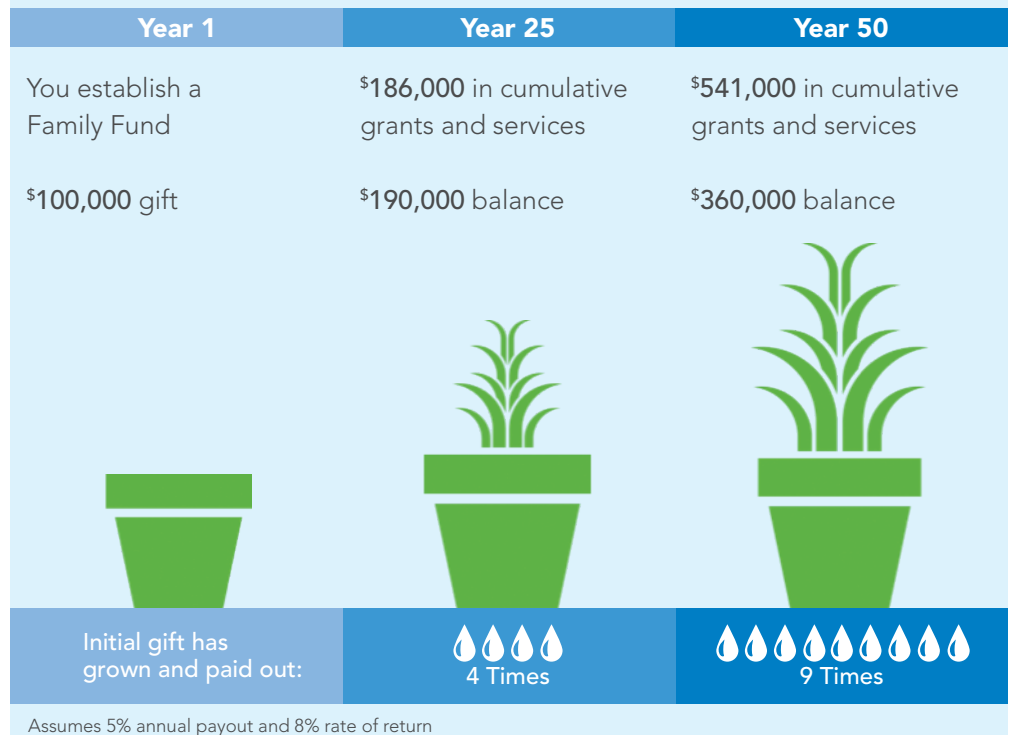
## A Nonprofit’s Source of Stability

Leaders of a nonprofit organization may also look to the community foundation to hold their organization’s endowment because they know that having a constant source of funding helps them respond to emergency needs as well as plan for the future and sustain the good work they do.

## Together for Greater Advantage

Gifts endowed by the community foundation are pooled with others to achieve maximum investment efficiency and return. They grow and benefit community with guidance from experienced local leaders and expert investment managers.

### How Your Endowment Grows



An endowment can be compared to a savings account or a retirement savings plan. People make donations to an endowment and the funds are invested with growth as a goal. From the income, grants are made and the principle of the gift always remains intact.

The Foundation works with dozens of local nonprofits to grow endowment funds to support their missions now, and for the future. For these organizations, an endowment establishes their permanency in the community.

- An endowment gift allows you to make a permanent contribution to the community’s future. You can ensure the success of an organization for generations.
- An endowment gift ensures that an organization will have resources to withstand economic ups and downs or unexpected events that might put its existence into jeopardy.
- An endowment gift can be directed to a specific organization, sector or can be unrestricted. The fewer restrictions on gifts allow the Foundation and organizations the latitude to address needs that emerge in the future.
- An endowment gift allows you to perpetuate your annual contributions to causes you care about right now.