

Types of Funds



We provide simple, powerful and highly personal approaches to giving, offering a variety of giving tools and types of funds to help you achieve your charitable goals.



Community Impact Fund

Community Impact Funds support the programs and projects that make our community a great place to live. Community Impact Funds are created without restrictions, meaning the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation will use your gift to meet the community's most urgent needs.

Community Impact Funds are best suited for donors who:

- Want their gift to have the broadest impact on the community over time
- Are motivated to simply "give back" rather than support a particular cause or organization
- Are considering creating a private foundation for broad charitable purposes
- Want their gift to remain flexible to respond to changing community needs

Donor Advised Fund

With a Donor Advised Fund you recommend grants from your fund to support the nonprofit organizations you care deeply about. Refer to the Donor Advised Fund information sheet for complete details.

Field of Interest Fund

With a Field of Interest Fund you can support your favorite cause, forever. When creating a Field of Interest Fund, you name the purpose of your fund (arts, health, education, etc.) and the Foundation identifies projects that will most effectively accomplish your goals. Our Board of Directors awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select. Your gift stays flexible enough to meet community needs in your interest area — even as community needs change over time.

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Support Comes in Different Forms

Built and furnished in the 1920s, then donated to the community in 1946 by Nathan and Jessie Kimberly Paine, the Paine Art Center and Gardens features a historic mansion and family activity center, art exhibitions, numerous display gardens, cultural programming and community events.

- As part of the Paine's \$8.5 million master plan to develop the historic property, the existing carriage house was renovated and an attached conservatory (pictured above) constructed in 2012. The project received support from Donor Advised Funds, as well as a \$125,000 grant from Community Impact Funds.
- The Fund for the Arts, a Field of Interest Fund within the Foundation, funded more than \$123,000 in competitive grants to the Paine over the past decade.
- Several Designated Funds entrusted to the Community Foundation with a total value of \$8.5 million will continue to help cover basic operations into perpetuity.

Field of Interest Fund, continued

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.

Field of Interest Funds are best suited for donors who:

- Have an interest in supporting a broad charitable cause, rather than a specific organization
- Are considering establishing a private foundation to support a particular cause

Designated Fund

Designated Funds provide long-term support for a specific organization you care deeply about. However, if the organization ceases to exist, the Foundation Board of Directors will preserve your original intent by redirecting the fund to an agency with a similar mission.

Designated Funds are best suited for donors who:

- Are passionate about a particular charitable organization
- Believe third-party oversight is necessary to ensure their gift is used as directed
- Want to make an endowed gift to a new, small or struggling charitable organization that does not have extensive investment management experience

Scholarship Fund

You can set up a general scholarship for a deserving student, or establish specific criteria (high school attended, field of study, financial need, etc.) to meet your educational interests. **Refer to the Scholarship information sheet for complete details.**

Acorn Fund

With an Acorn Fund, you can build a permanent endowment over time. Donors invest as little as \$500 up front, and add tax-deductible contributions of at least \$250 each year thereafter. When the Acorn Fund reaches \$10,000 in gifts and interest, it matures into a permanent endowment fund.

Acorn Funds are best suited for donors who:

- Are new to philanthropy, but want to give back to the community
- Can afford to make small or moderately-sized gifts over a number of years
- Want to build a philanthropic legacy over time
- Want to share the joy of giving with their children

Please note: Acorn Funds are a long-standing concept of the Foundation and are in no way affiliated with the ACORN organization.

Giving Circles

Giving Circles allow donors to combine their resources with colleagues and/or friends who share a common interest in a social cause or issue. Members make an annual financial commitment to the Giving Circle and work together to gain an in-depth understanding of a specific interest area and to make grants from their fund.