COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND
Community Impact Funds support the programs and projects that make our community a great place to live, work, play and learn. 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
Donor Advised Funds are unique. A single gift to the Foundation can establish the fund ($10,000 is the recommended minimum) and allows the donors to maintain a hands-on and flexible approach to their charitable giving. Fund holders may recommend grants from the fund as frequently as they wish. Donor Advised Funds are often an attractive alternative to the creation of a private foundation.

When you establish a Donor Advised Fund, you receive a tax deduction for the original, and any subsequent, gifts to the fund. You may then suggest deserving charities to benefit from the fund, as soon as the fund is established – often, the very same day. Grants are then made, in the name of the fund, to the charities of your choice.

For more information on Donor Advised Funds, please visit our website under the giving section to view the Donor Advised Handbook. OshkoshAreaCF.org
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.

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 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 endowment 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 $1,000 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.