

What is a community foundation?

A community foundation is a public nonprofit organization created by donors and governed by local volunteers who manage a permanent pool of funds providing grants for initiatives and programs that address current and future issues in a specific geographic area.



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Where neighbors create legacies

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The Unrestricted Fund

For unforeseen needs,
and unexpected opportunities



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The Unrestricted Fund enables the Foundation to act quickly on the community's behalf when needs arise or opportunities knock. Much more than a rainy-day fund that is limited to emergency situations, the Unrestricted Fund responds to unanticipated possibilities as well as unexpected challenges. Better than a nest egg that is tucked away for use in the distant future, the Unrestricted Fund builds permanent resources that address Delaware County's needs and opportunities today and tomorrow.

Since our founding in 1985, the Foundation has distributed more than \$8 million in grants from its Unrestricted Endowment Fund. Because donors to this fund recognize that community priorities change over time, they place no restrictions on their gifts. This gives the Foundation the flexibility to say "yes" to grant requests that have the potential to initiate positive change, respond to immediate circumstances, support innovative ideas, implement pilot projects and expand proven programs. In the past, these grants have provided funds that helped:

- Turn a Muncie landmark into a center for the arts
- Supply building materials to upgrade senior housing
- Equip a community library with much needed computers
- Replace an aging furnace in a domestic abuse shelter
- Move a soup kitchen from idea to implementation
- Relocate a growing after-school program to a larger facility

Like all gifts to The Community Foundation, contributions to the Unrestricted Fund are tax deductible and can take the form of cash, securities, property or other assets. Each donation—large or small—becomes part of the growing and permanent



Unrestricted Fund Endowment that is supervised by professional investment managers and certified public accountants. A committee of community volunteers reviews all grant requests and makes recommendations to the Foundation's governing board for final action. Gifts made here, stay here. As the Fund grows, so does its capacity to improve life in our community.

For more than a quarter century The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc., has connected neighbors who care with causes that count. The Unrestricted Fund offers donors the opportunity to make gifts today that will have a positive impact on tomorrow.

To learn more about The Community Foundation and its Unrestricted Fund, visit our website at www.cfmdin.org or call us at (765) 747-7181.

