

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.

Since its launch in 1985, The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc. has helped turn creative ideas into tangible programs, build momentum for new initiatives, and preserve time-honored traditions for future generations. Governed by a nine-member board of citizens, the Foundation is a collection of funds that are as diverse as the donors who establish and support them.

The concept is simple: People who care deeply about Muncie and Delaware County make large and small gifts to the Foundation. These gifts are pooled and invested to create a growing endowment. As assets increase, so does the Foundation's capacity to award grants to support projects and programs that enhance the community.

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*F*our characteristics set The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc. apart from other worthy charitable organizations:

Proximity. The Foundation is local; its goal is to provide residents with ways to strengthen their home community. The impact of donor dollars is evident in every aspect of community life. Foundation funds have helped provide seed money for business incubator projects, underwrite scholarships for college-bound students, establish and maintain a spacious library in Daleville, ensure the ongoing care of an historic cemetery in Bethel, pave portions of the Cardinal Greenway trail, treat school children to educational field trips, and support seasonal events that range from the Muncie Community Christmas Sing in the winter to the Delaware County Farm Festival in the spring.

Permanency. The Foundation is a recognized and growing force in Delaware County. A portion of the endowment's earnings is earmarked for grant-making activity, but the endowment itself remains untouched and intact. Investment professionals manage the assets, professional accountants conduct audits, and annual reports offer detailed financial information to the public. The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc., the fifth largest community foundation in Indiana, is rock solid. Regardless of dips in the economy, shifts in population and changes on the political landscape, the Foundation is here today...and will be here tomorrow.



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Partnerships. The Foundation exemplifies the adage that “there is strength in numbers.” Donors with similar interests can jointly support a project or address a need that is meaningful to them. By collaborating with the Foundation they can leverage the resources to generate enthusiasm for a new program or initiate change in an old one. Past gifts have transformed barren traffic islands into public gardens, stocked the shelves of a neighborhood soup kitchen, sponsored a program to introduce youth to the performing arts, and winterized the homes of low-income senior citizens.

Personal. The Foundation offers donors the opportunity to name funds in honor or memory of family, friends and colleagues. Donors decide how involved they want to be in the distribution of the funds that they create. Some donors place no restriction on their gifts, preferring the Foundation board to make grants that address the most pressing needs of the community. Other donors identify broad areas of interests such as the arts, education or economic development for their gifts. Still other donors designate specific charitable organizations they want to support.

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