

Established in 1985, The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc., is a charitable organization whose work is to facilitate individual, family, and corporate philanthropy and to meet community needs, current and emerging. Gifts to and through The Community Foundation create the resources to address issues throughout Muncie and Delaware County...now and in the future.

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.

Here today...
here tomorrow

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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“...the need will always be here. Through the Community Foundation, I now have hope that the Animal Rescue Fund will outlive all of us.”

—Terri Panszi, Animal Rescue Fund

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Since 1985 The Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County, Inc., has helped dozens of area agencies build funds for the future. With a stable financial base, a nonprofit organization can pursue its mission regardless of inevitable shifts in population, changes in leadership and fluctuations in the economy.

A key service that the Foundation offers is managing the charitable endowments that nonprofit agencies establish with a minimum investment. An agency endowment is a permanent pool of assets within the Foundation to be used only by and for the agency. Assets grow through the careful management of gifts from donors who believe in and support the agency's work.

Benefits of an agency endowment fund include:

- **Income you can count on.** All donations to an agency's endowment are earmarked solely for agency use. An agency routinely receives income at pre-set intervals but has the option to reinvest all or part of the income for the purpose of growing the endowment.
- **Favorable return on investments.** Because its endowment is part of a larger pool of assets, an agency can expect greater growth, greater income and lower investment fees. The Foundation portfolio is diverse and investment managers seek to maximize returns on all endowment funds.

- **Transparent transactions.** Investment professionals manage the assets, accountants conduct annual audits, and widely-circulated reports offer detailed financial information to the public.
- **Decreased administrative paperwork.** The Foundation handles all accounting and financial reporting, including an annual independent audit and the filing of tax returns. To help offset these administrative costs, the Foundation charges a modest fee.
- **Advantages for donors.** Gifts to an agency fund are tax deductible at the highest levels that the law allows. In the unlikely event that an agency closes its doors, the Foundation will redirect the assets to an organization with a similar mission. This assures donors that their gifts will continue to support the work they intended to support.
- **Increased visibility in the community.** An agency fund will receive exposure on the Foundation's website as well as in the Foundation's annual report, newsletter and other publications. These materials are distributed throughout East Central Indiana and may reach more and different donors than those on the agency's mailing list.
- **Donor education efforts.** Foundation staff members periodically meet with financial counselors, attorneys and estate planners to boost awareness of the charitable funds that the Foundation manages. This knowledge is passed along to clients interested in planned-giving opportunities.



To learn more about establishing an agency endowment fund within The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc., visit www.cfmdin.org or call (765) 747-7181.