



FUND OVERVIEW

Unrestricted Fund

When you establish an unrestricted fund with Branch County Community Foundation, your gift will be used to address significant challenges and opportunities in the community. Each year, our program experts determine where grants from these funds can have the largest impact. As community needs change, so will the projects your fund supports.

The community foundation evaluates all aspects of community wellbeing: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift allows the community foundation to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

HOW IT WORKS



GIVE TO YOUR FUND



INVEST FOR GROWTH



GRANTS TO NONPROFITS

- You make an unrestricted gift to the community foundation during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate or other assets.
- We set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or business or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- You may receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Our professional program staff determines the areas of community need that would be most impacted by grants from your gift.

A LASTING LEGACY

Peggy and Ed Gibb always made giving to their community a personal priority. In meetings with their professional advisor, they began to consider including a bequest that would benefit their local community. "Peggy and I care a lot about this town," Ed said. "We wanted to give in a way that would continually help the people who live here." After considering their options, the Gibbs decided to establish an unrestricted fund with their local community foundation. The Gibb Community Fund would take effect after they both passed away, leaving a portion of their estate to charity. "By establishing an unrestricted fund, we were able to keep our gift from becoming outdated. Community needs change, so we wanted to make sure our gift wasn't too narrowly focused," Peggy said. "Because it's endowed at the community foundation, our gift will make a difference forever," Ed said. "This is exactly the legacy Peggy and I want to leave."



10 REASONS TO GIVE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- 1 We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community
- 2 We have **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.
- 3 We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.
- 4 Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.
- 5 We accept a wide **variety of assets** and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
- 6 We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
- 7 We offer maximum **tax advantages** for most gifts under state and federal law.
- 8 We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
- 9 We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community for decades and help create personal legacies.
- 10 We are a **community leader**, coordinating collaborative resources to create positive change.

FUND OVERVIEW UNRESTRICTED FUND

- Our board approves grants in the name of the fund you establish. (If you prefer, grants can be made anonymously.)
- We handle all the administrative details.
- 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.

OTHER ADVANTAGES

Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enable our team to do what they do best—assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations that lead our community's most critical work.

Unrestricted funds help the community foundation support long-term solutions, respond quickly to emergencies and meet changing social, cultural, educational or environmental needs in our area. Grants are made in the name of the fund you establish, creating your personal legacy of giving. You may give your gift immediately or through your will or estate planning. Your gift becomes a permanent community funding resource.

LET'S CONNECT

Contact us to learn more about the ways we can help you have a positive impact on the community and causes you care about.



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