



# About the Branch County Community Foundation



Branch County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by and for the people of Branch County and Colon. We offer a range of flexible giving tools to help our donors make a positive impact on the community and causes that align with their interests and passions. In addition to first-rate donor service, we manage our community's permanent endowment and award grants to address the community's most pressing needs.

## HOW IT WORKS



Individuals, families and businesses make gifts to existing funds or to establish new funds at the community foundation. Gifts come in all shapes and sizes.



These gifts are pooled together and invested for long-term growth. Most funds at the community foundation are endowed.



A portion of the growth is available each year for grants to nonprofit organizations and to support collaborative leadership activities to find solutions to community challenges.

## 3 DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### **PERSONALIZED SERVICE.**

We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors a number of charitable options. You can contribute cash, stocks, property and bequests. You may establish a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. In most cases, your gift qualifies for maximum tax advantages under federal law.

### **LOCAL EXPERTISE.**

We have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape our community. We monitor all areas of community need—including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts and economic development. We can help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in the areas you care about most.

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.**

Through our grantmaking, we invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is in building community and helping the places we call home continue to flourish and grow.

## 10 REASONS TO GIVE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- 1** We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community

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- 2** We have **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

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- 3** We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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- 4** Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

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- 5** We accept a wide **variety of assets** and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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- 6** We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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- 7** We offer maximum **tax advantages** for most gifts under state and federal law.

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- 8** We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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- 9** We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community for decades and help create personal legacies.

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- 10** We are a **community leader**, coordinating collaborative resources to create positive change.

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### BRANCH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

**ESTABLISHED:** 1991

**TOTAL ASSETS:** \$9.3 M

**NUMBER OF FUNDS:** 140+

**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS:** In 2021, we awarded \$314,000 to benefit nonprofits and students in our community. In total, we have granted more than \$15,000,000 since we were founded.

### 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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