

# Why a Community Foundation?

Community Foundations make up one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy in the United States today. They build and strengthen communities by making it possible for a wide range of donors to participate in creating permanent (and often named) funds to meet present and future needs. Community Foundations have become catalysts for improvement within urban centers and in rural settings through philanthropy that is visionary, diverse and inclusive. They are a sustainable aspect of philanthropy—providing leadership and problem solving in the present and preparing for the future with a permanent endowment. There are nearly 700 community foundations in the United States and over 1,700 worldwide.

## 10 REASONS WHY COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS WORKS

1. We are a **LOCAL** organization with deep roots in the community.
2. Our professional staff has broad **EXPERTISE AND UNDERSTANDING** of community issues and needs.
3. We provide highly **PERSONALIZED SERVICE** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests through a variety of giving options.
4. Our donor advised funds help people invest in the **CAUSES** they care about most.
5. We **ACCEPT A WIDE VARIETY OF ASSETS** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
6. We **PARTNER** with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. We offer maximum **TAX ADVANTAGES**.
8. We **MULTIPLY THE IMPACT** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. We build long-term funds that benefit the community forever and help **CREATE PERSONAL LEGACIES**.
10. We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to **CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE**.



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