What types of funds does the Foundation manage?

Unrestricted Fund: This type of fund offers the broadest reach and flexibility, strengthening organizations that address the changing needs of our community. For example, our Friends of the Foundation Fund is bolstered by hundreds of donors each year who give any amount they wish. Friends' gifts help fill grant requests from the most deserving local organizations.

Donor-Advised Fund: The donor or fund advisor initiates distributions from this fund by recommending grants to various charitable organizations on a periodic basis. The fund may be permanent or short-term.

Designated Fund: Donors name one or more organizations to receive automatic annual distributions, benefiting specific groups that are close to the donor's heart.

Field of Interest Fund: Donors interested in a certain cause (like the arts, outdoor recreation, healthcare, their hometown, etc.) may set up a fund that distributes grants to various organizations that further these interests. The DCF board of trustees determines recipients.

Scholarship Fund: These funds provide financial assistance to students at any level of education. Donors may establish parameters such as specific high schools, extracurricular activities, fields of study, or certain colleges.

Project Fund: Established by a group of individuals to support a community need, project funds collect donations from the public then distribute the entire principal to the project.



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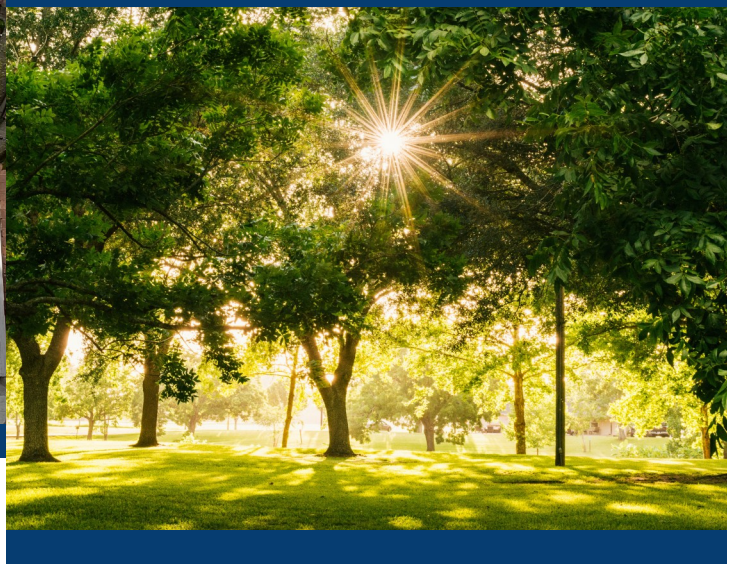
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Connecting Donors With Causes They Care About in Darke County

The Darke County Foundation improves the quality of life in our community by receiving, managing and distributing charitable gifts.

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What is the Darke County Foundation?

As a community foundation, the Darke County Foundation connects donors with causes that are meaningful to them, including scholarships to local students and financial support for non-profit organizations. The Foundation helps donors fulfill their charitable wishes while improving the lives of Darke County residents.

The Foundation assists areas such as:

• Education • The arts • Health/well-being
• Community events • Faith-based programs
• Civic beautification • Animal welfare • More!

Over 100 funds at the Darke County Foundation are professionally managed and focused on long-term growth, providing a continuing source of support for years to come. Short-term fund options allow donors to provide financial assistance for a specific amount of time.

To see a complete list of funds that donors have established, visit our website: www.darkecountyfoundation.org.

The Foundation's 20-member volunteer board works diligently to ensure that each donor's charitable intent is honored. The board oversees investment management and determines where unrestricted funds can best address the needs of our community.

How do I start a fund or donate to an existing fund?

People from all income levels can contribute to causes they believe in, often creating legacies that last for many years. Donors may support students or community organizations by starting a new fund specific to their interests or contributing to an existing fund that aligns with their objectives.

As a donor, you could establish a permanent endowment fund that distributes annual gifts in perpetuity, or a temporary fund that makes distributions until all the principal is spent. You may designate an exact purpose for your fund or allow the Foundation's board to determine how distributions could best serve the residents of Darke County.



Darke County junior high students attended a science, technology, and math camp, thanks to a DCF grant.

What methods of giving may I use?

Gifts to the Darke County Foundation may be in the form of cash, securities, IRA distributions, property, or other investments. Some donors name the Foundation as the beneficiary of their life insurance policy or other accounts. You can maximize tax advantages during the year of your gift, then distribute scholarships or community grants over time at your discretion.

While some funds start through a bequest in a donor's will or trust, many people choose to start funds while they are still living so they can see the fruit of their philanthropy or make changes to the process. Donors often name their fund after loved ones or a charitable purpose, then every distribution from the fund will carry this name. Your fund at the Darke County Foundation is an investment in our community's future!

Discuss your charitable ideas with your family, legal professionals, and tax advisors to determine what method of giving is best for you. The Darke County Foundation will help you decide what type of fund best fulfills your charitable goals.

In the last 5 years, the Foundation distributed $3.2 million in scholarships and grants to non-profit groups. Donors are making an increasing impact in our community, strengthening and enriching the lives of Darke County residents!