

Field of Interest Funds

Giving through the Community Foundation

Establishing a field of interest fund with us is a simple and efficient way to create a perpetual source of support for a variety of charitable organizations working to further a favorite cause.

How it works

- You make a gift to the Community Foundation — you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate or other assets.
- We set up a charitable fund dedicated to your area of interest — perhaps children’s causes, the arts, the environment or individuals afflicted with an illness that has touched your family.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- You, or an advisory committee, can recommend grants to nonprofit organizations in your area of concern. Our professional staff may be designated to recommend projects that help the community in that field.
- The recommendations are presented to our Board for approval.
- We handle all the administrative details and award grants to charities in the name of the fund you establish. If you prefer, grants can be made anonymously.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to award grants addressing community needs. Your gift and its future earnings become a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

A community garden at St. Therese parish was included in a grant as an environmental project, but has been achieving social goals, too. A coalition of more than a dozen nonprofits called Neighborhood Partners and supported by a partnership grant from the Environmental Sustainability Fund is installing gardens, training junior organic landscapers and listening to what residents want done.



The community gardens together at St. Therese



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