Establishing an unrestricted fund with us is a simple and efficient way to address opportunities to enhance the quality of life in the community as they change through time.

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 in your name or the name of your family, business or organization that generates grants to meet ever-changing community needs.

- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.

- We handle all the administrative details.

- The fund is prudently invested so earnings can be pooled with other contributions to award grants from the Community Foundation’s Bright Idea Fund to nonprofit organizations in the Fox Valley region (Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano and Waupaca counties, and the Neenah-Menasha area of Winnebago County). This fund serves as a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

Learn more about the fund and grants awarded at cffoxvalley.org/BrightIdeaResults.

- Our professional staff, assisted by volunteer committees, selects nonprofit projects and programs that maintain or advance the region’s quality of life.

That’s why, says Karen Jankowski, she and her four siblings converted the family fund established by their parents, Paul and Elaine Groth, to an unrestricted fund after the couple’s untimely death in a car crash in 1997. Paul, a retired paper company executive, was the Community Foundation’s first full-time executive director. The Community Foundation keeps the siblings, who live elsewhere, informed of the good done by their parents’ fund.

“We don’t know what the needs of the community are, and the Community Foundation does.”

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