

The Brownville Community Foundation ...

The Brownville Community Foundation was established in 2003 as an affiliate of the Omaha Community Foundation. This relationship eliminates the need for each affiliate to maintain a separate IRS tax status and allows Brownville to benefit from the Omaha Community Foundation's staff and expertise.

The Brownville Community Foundation is managed by a local advisory board listed on the front panel. Funds are used to assist programs that support historical, cultural, environmental, educational and recreational objectives.

The Brownville Community Foundation facilitates charitable gifts and grants to Brownville nonprofit organizations. The Foundation can also work with you to structure a custom fund to align with your interests in Brownville or across the nation.

Past recipients of grants from the Brownville Community Foundation and Governor Robert W. Furnas Arboretum Endowment Fund include:

- Brownville Fine Arts Association
- Brownville Historical Society
- Brownville Concert Series
- Brownville Village Theatre
- Meriwether Lewis Museum of Missouri River History



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The Mission of the Brownville Community Foundation is to facilitate the charitable interests of donors that enhance the historical, cultural, environmental, educational and recreational objectives of the Brownville community.

Charitable giving. It's an investment in Brownville's future.

You've worked hard to achieve your goals and to support the causes and institutions you believe in. Charitable giving is an important part of your life. As someone who knows the value of giving, you want to be assured that your gifts will meet vital needs and improve our community.

You want to know your gifts will achieve positive results and, of course, maximize your tax deductions. You may want to involve your family in your giving. You want a tasteful level of recognition—or perhaps you want anonymity.

But most of all, you want an easy and flexible way to accomplish your objectives.

There is a simple way for you to make a difference and leave a lasting legacy in our community. You can make a difference for good, a difference forever—and that's by establishing a fund with us.

How does it work?

The community foundation idea is simple: Anyone may use it to give something back to the community.

Assets that you donate to the foundation create one of several types of funds to support your charitable goals. We offer you a full menu of planned giving options to tailor your gift.

You can create a fund in honor of someone you love or to celebrate a special event. You can direct your gift broadly or narrowly to issues you care about or to wherever the needs are greatest. However you give, your gift can change lives—today and in the future.

We use professionals to invest and manage our assets. Our advisory board is made up of local citizens who know the community. And our staff can help you create the gift that makes the difference you want.

We offer you power and flexibility in charitable giving - without the paperwork, time and expenses associated with running your own private foundation. We can help you set up a fund that will maximize both your tax advantages and your impact in the community—now and forever.

Here are some ways we can help you:

- Managing the fund, overseeing its investment and maintaining tax records
- Filing tax returns and providing an independent audit
- Providing the services of experienced grantmakers who know the community, its needs and its organizations
- Ensuring that grants are always awarded in the name of your fund
- Issuing regular financial reports detailing the status of the fund

How do I create a fund?

1. Decide When to Give

You can create your fund now, establish it in your will, or create it through a trust arrangement that benefits your family, as well as charity. You may give in honor of an anniversary, to celebrate a special event or to support a cause. Tax deductions are earned at the time of your gift, while grants awarded from your fund will continue into the future.

2. Decide What to Give

Almost any kind of asset can be used to start your fund, such as cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, interests in limited partnerships, real estate, life insurance, tangible personal property and private foundation assets. We can also discuss other options with you, such as bequests, charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable lead trusts, pooled income funds, charitable gift annuities, life income and deferred charitable gift annuities.

3. Choose the Name for Your Fund

Most of our funds are named for the donor or the donor's family or as a memorial to someone special. Every grant from the fund will carry this name. If you prefer anonymity, you may choose a name that reflects your fund's charitable purposes.

4. Choose a Type of Fund

We offer a variety of funds that are flexible to meet our donors' different charitable interests:

Unrestricted Funds offer the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made wherever the Brownville Community Foundation's Advisory Board determines our community's needs are the greatest.

Field-of-Interest Funds create grants that meet needs in a particular field or geographic area that is of interest to you.

Designated Funds let you support specific organizations while we make sure that grants to these groups remain relevant over time and responsive to changing circumstances.

Donor-Advised Funds enable you to recommend specific organizations to receive grants over whatever timeline makes the most sense for you. Funds can be invested for tax-free growth and you can name successor advisors to recommend distributions from the fund beyond your lifetime.

Organizational Endowment Funds are established by nonprofit organizations to provide income to them in perpetuity. We handle all administrative and investment responsibilities, freeing the organization to pursue its charitable mission.

Charitable Checkbooks with an initial contribution of at least \$1,000, you can receive an immediate tax deduction and recommend distributions to your favorite nonprofits, all with no administrative service fee.

Contact us today to learn more about
making a difference in Brownville!