

## GIVING

No one person has the resources to provide solutions to all the challenges facing our community. A significant impact can be made by combining the financial and human resources of many individuals.

There are many opportunities for individuals, families and companies to contribute to the Community Foundation through gifts of any size and many types. Giving to one or more of the funds within the Hillsdale County Community Foundation is always encouraged; however, you may wish to create a new fund to serve your personal goals.

## GIVING NOW . . .

The charities you now support can receive continued support during your lifetime and in perpetuity through the establishment of a fund in the Community Foundation. Many donors regularly contribute assets to their funds and every year recommend grants from the fund.

## FUTURE GIVING . . .

There are many attractive arrangements for future giving-deferred gifts. Deferred gifts offer you the benefit of a current tax deduction in exchange for the commitment of funds at some later date, even after your lifetime.

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# The Hillsdale County Community Foundation

## OUR MISSION

To receive and administer funds for artistic, charitable, educational and scientific purposes in a manner that both promotes the spirit of philanthropy and meets the needs of the people of Hillsdale County.

## OUR HISTORY

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation was established in 1991 to support the improvement of quality of life for the residents of Hillsdale County. The Hillsdale County Community Foundation is governed by a board of 15 adult leaders and one youth who represent the communities within the county.



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# Creating a Legacy TODAY

# Impacting Our Community TOMORROW



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## What is the Hillsdale County Community Foundation?

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization created by and for the people of Hillsdale County. We are here to assist you in creating a positive impact in our community.

## Our Special Features . . .

### **WE MAKE GIVING EASY & FLEXIBLE.**

We make giving easy by accepting a wide variety of gifts. We provide you with a number of charitable options for establishing your own fund or contributing to a fund already administered by the Foundation.

### **WE PROVIDE LOCAL SUPPORT.**

Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape our community. A volunteer board of local community leaders, representing the interests of Hillsdale County, oversee the Community Foundation's administration and distribution of grant funds.

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.**

We invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities.

## Special Tax Advantages

- Immediate Income Tax Reduction
- Avoidance of Long-Term Capital Gain
- Increase in Personal Income and Effective Rate of Return
- Reduction in Estate and Gift Tax

## We Offer A Variety of Giving Methods To Meet Your Needs.

**OUTRIGHT GIFTS**—This includes gifts of cash, stock, bonds, real estate or personal property.

**ESTABLISHING A FUND**—Establish a fund at the Community Foundation in your name, in the name of your family or anyone you wish to honor or memorialize.

**WILLS & BEQUESTS**—Donors have the option of contributing to the Community Foundation through planned giving, such as bequests made through wills and trusts.

**LIFE INSURANCE**—By assigning ownership of life insurance policies to the Foundation, you can receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction in the amount of the policies' present value.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**—You can make a gift of cash or property to your Community Foundation now, get immediate tax benefits and ensure yourself - or a loved one - receive fixed quarterly or annual income payments for life.

**CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST**— You can place cash or property in a trust that pays annual income to you—or another named beneficiary—for life. After your death, the remainder of the Trust transfers to your Community Foundation and is placed into a charitable fund you have selected.

**CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST**— You can place cash or property into a trust that pays a fixed amount to your Community Foundation for a selected number of years. Once this period ends, the assets held by the trust are transferred to the beneficiaries you name.

Let your advisor help you select the giving methods best suited for you and your charitable intentions.

**“HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEEDS TO WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD.”**

— ANNE FRANK



## BENEFITS OF GIVING

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Put your charitable dollars to work directly within the community, impacting those causes for which you care most deeply.

### **HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE**

Honorary and memorial gifts make great tributes to loved ones. They offer a way to recognize or support programs and activities meaningful to them during their lifetime.

### **LEAVE A LEGACY**

Endowing a fund with the Community Foundation creates a legacy of caring that continues to benefit future generations.

### **TAX ADVANTAGES**

Donations to permanently endowed funds can claim the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. Taxpayers who itemize may receive a Federal Income Tax deduction.