# **TOOLS FOR GIVING**

Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities

**Discretionary Funds** 



By giving to a Discretionary Fund, you can target your gift to address the issues that are most important to you. Your gift is endowed and provides a permanent source of income that will be granted to community organizations which are truly making a difference in Door County. Please consider donating today, or in your estate plans, to a Discretionary Fund.

## **Arts Fund**

The "arts" describe a broad range of creative activities which can stimulate thought and inspire the soul. The Community Foundation supports creative charitable activities in Door County that use the arts to enrich our community.

## Children & Youth Fund

If the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams, then we can give no greater gift to a child than to nurture their ability to believe in their own potential and promise. The Community Foundation looks for ideas from those charities that are working to ensure a brighter future for our children - whether it be alleviating their burdens today or helping them realize the opportunities of tomorrow.

### **Green Fund**

Door County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources. From our lakeshore to the wetlands, our orchards to the meadows, the open spaces and our rural roads - there is something about the beauty of this place that keeps us here or calls us back each year.

# **Health & Human Needs Fund**

It's difficult to appreciate the incredible beauty and quality of life here in Door County if the very basic needs of your life are not met. The Community Foundation searches for charities that are working to aid those who live in the shadows of our society - those whose health and human needs are not being met.

# **Education Fund**

Education must go beyond traditional schooling and formal education. It should include informal modes of learning and extend beyond traditional settings. The Community Foundation believes that learning is a lifelong pursuit - and thus nurtures its incorporation into the many aspects of life in Door County.

# **Historic Preservation Fund**

The Community Foundation supports the appreciation, enhancement and preservation of historical landmarks and the cultural heritage of Door County.

# **Building Community**

Discretionary Funds offer donors the best of both worlds - the opportunity to choose a broad area that interests them (such as children, the arts, or the environment) while relying on the Door County Community Foundation to identify the organizations that will make the greatest impact on that issue.

Dick and Annie Egan of Sister Bay are two of the many people who make an annual gift to the Discretionary Funds. Because the Funds are endowed, grants will forever be made to the most impactful programs in Door County.

"There are so many aspects of Door County which make it special," says Dick Egan. "By making an annual donation to each of the different Discretionary Funds, Annie and I are able join with other donors and touch all the parts of Door County we love so much."



# **Discretionary Funds**

Ten reasons people choose to give through the Door County Community Foundation

#### one

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

#### two

Our professional staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

# three

We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

## four

Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

## five

We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

# six

We partner with **professional** advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

#### seven

We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

# nine

We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

#### ten

We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

# More benefits

Make a gift to a Discretionary Fund each year, through a bequest in your will, or through your estate plans. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets. And because your gift is endowed, all future earnings from your gift become a permanent source of community capital, helping to forever do good work in Door County.

Our Board of Directors and professional staff continually monitor changing community needs so your generosity will have the maximum impact on the issue you care about most.

You can also create your own Discretionary Fund in your family's name to support the causes important to you. Grants are then forevermore distributed in the name of the Fund you have created.

It's a true philanthropic legacy for Door County.

The Door County Community Foundation provides a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to the Door County Community Foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact the Door County Community Foundation.



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