

## TOOLS FOR GIVING

### A personal gift to Door County that will last forever

#### Discretionary Funds



**By giving to a Discretionary Fund**, you can target your gift to address the needs in Door County that are most important to you. Your gift is endowed and provides a permanent source of income to be granted to community organizations that are truly making a difference in Door County. You can give to one of the Community Foundation's established funds, or create a new one in your family's name that will support the causes important to you, literally forever.

#### How it works

- You identify an area of personal interest as broad or narrow as you wish. You can give to one of the Community Foundation's established funds (Children & Youth Fund, Arts Fund, Green Fund, Education Fund, Health & Human Needs Fund, or Historic Preservation Fund) - or create your own Fund focused on the community issues that are most important to you.
- If you're establishing your own Community Impact Fund, it can be named to honor your family, business, or anyone you designate.
- You make a gift to the Door County Community Foundation during your lifetime, through a bequest in your will, or through your estate plans. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- You qualify for the maximum tax deduction as allowed by law in the year your gift is made.
- Our Board and professional staff evaluate the community's needs and awards grants to charities in Door County. If you've established a Community Impact Fund in your family's name, grants will forever be distributed in the name of the Fund you have created.
- Because your gift is endowed, all future earnings become a permanent source of community capital, forever doing good work in Door County.

### Charitable Legacy

**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.

One generous example is John and Nell Herlache of Sturgeon Bay. They established the John and Nell Herlache Community Fund. Each year new grants will be made in the Herlache family name to programs which address the issues John and Nell care about the most.

"This is a wonderfully effective way to give back to the place we love so much," says John and Nell Herlache. "You can create a Discretionary Fund in your own family's name - just like we did - that will forever give back to Door County."



## 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.

**eight**

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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