

# Door County Community Foundation

## Custodian of charitable assets

The Community Foundation holds millions of dollars of charitable assets - some of which is immediately distributed such as when we administer the settlement of an estate for the benefit of many different charities. Other moneys form the principal of Endowment Funds, forever making distributions in the names of our donors. We also hold more than 40 endowments on behalf of local non-profits. Our assets are more than \$21 million - and we receive about \$4m in contributions each year!

## Champion of philanthropy

Our mission is to “inspire people to give back to sustain the community we love.” We encourage giving for the benefit of every charity, to address every issue, and to impact the quality of life of every citizen of Door County. We publish listings of more than 350 local non-profit groups and write articles and radio commentaries highlighting their good work. We provide quality training, counsel and education for non-profit boards and staffs so they can become more effective. Our Philanthropist of the Year award and our Celebration of Giving honor generous people in our community. We’re here to promote giving in Door County.

## Facilitator of giving

The people of our community have distributed more than \$17 million to charity through the Door County Community Foundation since our founding 18 years ago. We provide a means for giving back which is both easy and highly tax efficient. From the use of simple tools such as a Donor Advised Fund, to the most complex estates and planned giving vehicles, the Community Foundation raises the level of giving in Door County for the benefit of all local charities. People don’t give *to* the Community Foundation, they give *through* us. We facilitate the annual distribution of more than \$1.5 million - and it’s growing each year!

## Convener of the community

A community foundation’s greatest impact often comes from its ability to convene people and organizations around community issues. We have brought folks together to address different concerns - leading to the creation of the Women’s Fund and the rejuvenation of the Green Fund. We are now working on an economic development initiative - because the best way to combat poverty is to ensure that good jobs are available. We welcome the opportunity to work with inspired people to help them realize their dreams for Door County.

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## Inspiring People to Give Back to Sustain and Advance the Community We Love.

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 convener**, bringing together agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

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Charity is more important to Door County than any other community in Wisconsin. That's a bold statement, but if you ponder a bit you'll see just how truthful it really is. The charities of Door County define much of our quality of life and are a major part of the engine that drives our local economy.

**give**  
DOOR COUNTY

The great arts and cultural organizations that bring visitors here and keep our seasonal residents coming back year after year are charities. The stewards and guardians of our environmental treasures are also charities.

A gift to charity in Door County is not only a contribution, it's also an investment in our economic development. It's helping build a better future for us all. But charity is more than just an economic development tool.

Our seasonal nature leads to seasonal jobs and that creates stresses for those at the bottom rung of the economic ladder. We count on human service charities to fill a family's cabinet with groceries during the winter months when the summer's wages are finally gone. We ask our healthcare charities to assist those whose seasonal jobs don't provide health insurance.

There is only one organization whose role is to consider our community as a whole - and to help generate support for all the worthy charities within it. It's the Door County Community Foundation.

Through a **Non-Profit Endowment Fund** you can provide a permanent source of income to the charity that you care about most. Your contribution is invested to produce an income stream that will forever be available to the organization you want to support.

Through a **Donor Advised Fund** you can simplify your giving for tax purposes and give back to the charities you prefer right here in Door County. Some folks choose to assist organizations outside of our community. With a Donor Advised Fund, you can decide where you want your money to go.

Through a **Discretionary Fund** you can make a gift to the future. Discretionary Funds support the causes selected by the donor, but trust the Community Foundation's Board of Directors to select the specific charities that receive grants from the Fund each year. Those moneys are distributed back into the community as Advancement Grants and Sustainability Grants.

Through a **Scholarship Fund** you can help foster the development of the next generation of community leaders in Door County.

And you can make a gift to any of these Funds with an online gift today, a gift of stock or other appreciated asset tomorrow, or a planned gift many years into the future.

Give however it's right for you.  
Just remember to Give Door County.

