



OVERVIEW



GIFT—Geneseo Is For Tomorrow!

Do you ever wonder what the future holds for Geneseo, your favorite community nonprofit organization or other special charitable interests? Would you like to be that individual who provides sustainable funding to help the Geneseo community meet its goals? The GIFT (Geneseo Is For Tomorrow) Foundation, a Geographic Affiliate of the Quad Cities Community Foundation, has the means to assist you in creating this lasting legacy.

GIFT Mission and History in Geneseo

GIFT's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our Geneseo area by providing a means for permanent charitable giving to meet the needs of our community's donors for today and tomorrow.

The idea for the GIFT family of funds began in 2002 when the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce directors held brainstorming sessions looking for ideas that could propel the community into the future. The idea of a community foundation continued to come up. The Quad Cities Community Foundation, based in the Quad Cities, provided a good example and offered support. GIFT was established as a Geographic Affiliate of the Quad Cities Community Foundation, allowing it to pool assets with the larger foundation for administrative and investment purposes and take advantage of the Community Foundation's professional, administrative, investment, development, and grantmaking resources.

GIFT does the work so you can continue the caring for generations to come. We provide convenient and flexible tools to empower our Geneseo community's donors to enhance future generational needs with financial security; building a special relationship that extends far beyond your lifetime. GIFT tailors each fund to fit a personal request, which allows the opportunity for unique and customized giving. No matter what the cause, whether it's preserving a favored historical site, enriching the fine arts or furthering the education of a well-deserved student, we can help you experience the joy of making a meaningful contribution to impact present or future needs of the Geneseo community. Additional tax advantages, diverse distribution planning, and extraordinary resources make GIFT an excellent choice. Together, we can transform our Geneseo community by connecting people who care with causes that matter.

Teens with a GIFT of Foresight

Teens with a GIFT of Foresight, or TGF, is a student-based volunteer organization of GIFT that seeks to positively impact Geneseo and the surrounding communities. TGF is a nine-month program in which high school students meet regularly to learn about the role nonprofit organizations play in our community. They meet with and tour local nonprofit organizations to learn more about their daily operations, purpose, impact, struggles, and needs. TGF team members experience every aspect of the grant cycle – from the press release to the decision process and distribution of funds to local charitable causes.

2023 Gifts, Grants and Assets

- Total gifts received: \$20,611
- Total assets in Community Foundation management: \$881,088
- Total number of funds: 36
- Total grants awarded to support the community: \$62,585
- Total Community Impact Fund grants awarded: \$1,400

Affiliate Advisory Board

The activities of Geneseo Is For Tomorrow are led by the following advisory board of volunteers who are active in the local community:

- Mark Grywacheski
- Karen Mowers
- Katie Kutsunis, *Chair*

To reach a GIFT representative, contact:

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Fundamentals

Through the Quad Cities Community Foundation, we work with donors on a variety of gift types including cash, real estate, marketable securities, closely held corporations, tangible personal property, grain, IRAs or 401(k) plans, life insurance, charitable annuities, planned gifts, and charitable remainder trusts. Our giving experts will work with you to discuss your goals and help find the best giving vehicle for your situation.

Through economies of scale, the Community Foundation is able to charge minimal fees compared to the costs of establishing and maintaining a private foundation or administering and investing funds as an individual. Administrative fees are based on the services offered for each type of fund and investment management fees are netted out of the long-term growth portfolio's rate-of-return. Our investment strategy holds long term objectives to preserve the real value of current assets and future gifts for the long-term benefit of the Geneseo community.

The Quad Cities Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, publicly supported organization, and all gifts to it and its geographic affiliate component funds are irrevocable and tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Tax ID Number of the Quad Cities Community Foundation: 42-6122716

Accreditation

Quad Cities Community Foundation is fully accredited annually by the National Standards for Community Foundations as set forth by the Council on Foundations.

The Quad Cities Community Foundation is the host community foundation to six Geographic Affiliates, including GIFT – Geneseo Is For Tomorrow.

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The Community Foundation is recognized for our transparency with a Platinum Seal from Candid (formerly GuideStar). Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations, where our community members and donors can find in-depth information about our goals, strategies, capabilities, and progress. We're shining a spotlight on the difference we help make in the world.