



OVERVIEW

We're transforming our region through the generosity of our donors.

Quad Cities Community Foundation, founded by volunteers in 1964, is a charitable organization created by and for citizens of eastern Iowa and western Illinois.

Community Foundation donors know that when they give they can shape the future right here at home, creating a cool, creative, prosperous, thriving and healthy regional community. They also know the Community Foundation will continue to be excellent stewards of their philanthropy for the good of the generations to come.

We work with donors and nonprofits to improve our shared community by identifying current and emerging issues, channeling donor gifts to address community needs, and helping prepare for the future of our Quad Cities region. The Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors of community leaders and is administered by a full-time professional staff dedicated to helping connect people who care with causes that matter. We offer extensive knowledge about charitable organizations and can help you make informed decisions about charitable giving. With more than \$141 million in assets, of which \$120 million is permanently endowed, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$68 million in grants to the community since 1964.

Who we serve

Community Foundation donors care deeply about their community and want to see local impact. We serve our region through:

- Individual donors, families, businesses and organizations who want to make a difference in the community and who want to create a permanent and lasting local legacy.
- Community non-profit partner organizations.
- Professional legal, financial and estate advisors.
- Grant recipients and community needs.
- Seven Geographic Affiliates that promote rural philanthropy and give our rural communities opportunities to build endowments for the future.

Individuals, families, businesses and organizations work with us to create and gift to permanent charitable funds that help meet the challenges of changing times. Gifts can be made to any fund held by the Community Foundation at any time. The majority of gifts are given for endowment, which means they are invested in perpetuity to benefit our community today and for generations to come. The Community Foundation invests and administers these funds. Each year, distributions from the Foundation's nearly 1,000 charitable funds are granted to organizations and programs to address the community's greatest needs and most promising opportunities.

The Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, publicly supported organization, and all gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Iowa taxpayers may also benefit from the 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit in addition to normal federal charitable income tax deductions.

2017 Gifts and administration

- Total gifts received: \$15.6 million
- Total number of funds: 922
- Operating expenses as a % of total assets: .9%

2017 Grants awarded to support the community

- Arts, Culture and Museums: \$0.5 million
- Health and Human Services: \$2 million
- Community Improvement and Development: \$0.9 million
- Education, Research and Scholarships: \$1.8 million
- Philanthropy and Voluntarism: \$1.6 million
- Religion and Spiritual Development: \$0.6 million
- Environment and Animal Welfare: \$0.2 million

TOTAL: \$7.6 million

2017 Assets (including Geographic Affiliates)

- Donor Designated Endowments: \$61.1 million
- Community Impact Fund/Unrestricted Endowments: \$15.6 million
- Donor Advised Endowments: \$27.1 million
- Nonprofit Organization Endowments: \$8.8 million
- Non-Endowed Donor Advised: \$17.3 million
- Other Funds: \$11.5 million

TOTAL: \$141.4 million

Fundamentals

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 our community.

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Accreditation

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



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

The Community Foundation is recognized for our transparency with a Platinum Seal from GuideStar. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.

Our community members and potential 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.