



Legacy and Stability

Donors who endow their gifts can make a difference in their community during their lifetime and, at the same time, provide a gift that lasts forever.

Grants will be made in the name of the fund so that your charitable wishes are preserved.

Leaders of a non-profit organization may also look to the community foundation to hold their organization's endowment. This will help them to sustain good investment management and plan for the future.

Expert Help

When donors or non-profit organizations work through the West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation to achieve their charitable goals, they benefit from the expertise of experienced local staff, community leadership and the investment management of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to preserve and improve the quality of life in West Des Moines by engaging others in philanthropic support and services.

Website

www.wdmcef.org



West Des Moines

Community

Enrichment Foundation

Live here, Give here

The West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation. It was created by and for the people of West Des Moines in order to make a positive impact and difference in our community.

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people in a local area. It enables people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about immediately, or through their will. Donors can establish a charitable fund at the community foundation by contributing a variety of assets and may also recommend grants – in their name, if they choose – to non-profit groups they want to support.

What is an Endowment?

You have the opportunity to benefit the community forever with a permanent endowment. Whether you contribute to your community foundation endowment or create a charitable fund through your community foundation, your gift is invested over time. Earnings from the fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift – and all future earnings from your gift – is a permanent source of community capital, helping do good work today and in the future.



Special Features of Community Foundations

Personalized Service. We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors a number of charitable options. You can contribute cash, stocks, property and bequests. You may establish a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. In most cases, your gift qualifies for maximum tax advantages under federal law.

Local Expertise. The Greater Des Moines Community Foundation’s professional staff and the West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation’s board have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community. They monitor all areas of community need, including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. We can help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in areas you care about most.

Community Leadership. We invest in the long-term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is building community.

Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations:

one	We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.
two	The Greater Des Moines Community Foundation staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
three	We provide 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 advantages 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 and help create personal legacies.
ten	We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.