



THE FUND FOR COLUMBUS

ADDRESSING NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY

PHILANTHROPY PORTFOLIO

Since our founding in 1943, visionary donors have been making gifts and creating funds to address the community’s most pressing needs. The Fund for Columbus, also known as an unrestricted fund, enables The Columbus Foundation to address a wide range of ever changing community issues.

CREATED BY CIVIC-MINDED INDIVIDUALS as a primary source of grants to address the emerging needs in the community, The Fund for Columbus supports organizations and initiatives identified by the Community Research and Grants Management team.

The funds are distributed through *Giving Strength*, our competitive grantmaking process, where local nonprofits submit proposals for projects and request funding. The Foundation thoroughly assesses and evaluates the nonprofits and programs to determine need and capacity of the program before distributing funds.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY.

The Fund for Columbus is a personalized fund you create to impact our community for generations to come. You can use cash, stock, or other assets gifted during your lifetime or at death to establish a named fund, qualify for an immediate income or estate tax deduction, and the Foundation will distribute grants that address our community’s most pressing need.

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We know The Columbus Foundation identifies with the community and will help us give to organizations in the future that we don’t even know about today. We like that The Columbus Foundation knows the nonprofit community and funds new ideas that will have an impact. And, The Columbus Foundation will be here long after we are gone—supporting programs that are making a difference in the lives of others.”



— MARGARET AND JEROME CUNNINGHAM



KEY BENEFITS

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The Fund for Columbus is an ideal choice if you want to leave a legacy of thoughtful generosity. Key benefits include:

EFFECTIVE

Grantmaking from your fund reflects the ever-changing people, needs, ideas, and issues of central Ohio, creating the greatest impact where it's needed most. Because it has no restrictions, your fund has the potential to support a wide range of issues, causes, and needs as the community evolves now and in the future.

FLEXIBLE

Add to your fund at any time. The Columbus Foundation can accept gifts of many types of assets, including stock and real property.

EFFICIENT

We handle the administrative tasks of philanthropy—from keeping track of your gifts and grants to sending you quarterly statements of activity—all for a nominal administrative fee.

COMMUNITY-ORIENTED

You want to help this community and its residents thrive. Our staff dedicates thousands of hours every year to reviewing and evaluating local nonprofits and to identifying and addressing central Ohio needs. All of this information guides the distribution of your funds.

CONSIDER THE FUND FOR COLUMBUS IF YOU:

- **Seek to support the changing needs in the community or your broad area of interest over time.**
- **Believe in the research and community evaluation processes of The Columbus Foundation to determine needs and effectiveness of nonprofit programs now and in the future.**
- **Seek to make the greatest impact possible with your charitable dollars.**

INCREASE THE POWER OF YOUR GIVING

Access information about your fund via The Giving Store 24 hours a day, at columbusfoundation.org. The Giving Store is your one-stop shop for easy and effective philanthropy. Search more than 1,200 area nonprofits, view your fund summary and giving portfolio, access personalized nonprofit recommendations based on your interests, and suggest a grant to the nonprofit of your choice.

ABOUT THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

The Columbus Foundation serves nearly 3,000 individuals, families, and businesses that have created unique funds and planned gifts to make a difference in the lives of others through the most effective philanthropy possible. The Columbus Foundation is **Your Trusted Philanthropic Advisor**® and is among the top ten largest community foundations in the United States.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Learn more about The Columbus Foundation by visiting us online at columbusfoundation.org or in person at 1234 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205. Please contact one of our Donor Services advisors by calling 614/251-4000 or emailing dsd@columbusfoundation.org.