



Steps to Creating a Fund

Think about your goals

Often a conversation with family members or financial advisor is the best way to start thinking about a charitable plan. TCF staff members can join you in these conversations if you choose.

Decide when to give

Based on your needs, we can help you decide if it is more appropriate to establish a fund immediately, through your will, or through other planned giving strategies.

Decide what to give

We can talk with you about the different kinds of assets you can use to open a fund. While most people open a fund with cash or stock, you can also make a gift of real estate, an interest in a family business, artwork or other property.

Talk with us about how to give

Options include a variety of funds that enable you start giving immediately, or giving strategies that will make gifts to your fund later. Or, you can do both.

Choose what you want to support

Once you decide what you want to support—with or without assistance from our program staff—you can recommend grants through the online tool just for donors, TCF DonorCentral. The Foundation takes care of all administrative details. And there are no geographic limitations on grants from a fund you've established.