



Wayne County  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Celebrating the Causes You Love

A new year is in full swing, but you've still got plenty of time to consider your charitable impact and how you'd like to make a difference in 2025. A great way to do that is to reflect on the difference you've already made through the years.

For starters, think about how the many causes you've supported have resulted in tangible, positive improvements in the quality of life for so many people in our region. Indeed, many people are drawn to charitable giving and decide to establish a fund at the Community Foundation because of personal experiences with charities during a time of need. For example, perhaps a loved one benefited from groundbreaking medical research funded by charitable donations. Or maybe you or a family member overcame personal challenges with the help of nonprofit counseling services, or your business might have thrived thanks to a nonprofit-supported arts district or mentorship program. Nonprofit hospice care may have provided comfort and support during a difficult time with a family member. Even a cherished pet may have come into your life through a nonprofit animal rescue. What's more, many people find that their happiness increases through acts of giving. When you know you're helping someone, it makes you feel good!

The team at the Community Foundation is here to help you shape your charitable giving plan for 2025 and beyond. We'd welcome a conversation to review key components of your philanthropy and help you make the biggest impact possible. For example, we can review:

- Opportunities to accomplish your charitable giving goals this year through gifts of appreciated stock
- Opportunities to incorporate gifts to your fund in your estate plan and create a lasting charitable legacy
- Examples of how you can join forces with other fund holders to support larger initiatives
- Examples of donors who are not only pursuing their own charitable priorities, but are also supporting the community foundation's work to improve quality of life in our region for generations to come
- Reviewing historical grants to charities from your donor-advised fund and examples of the impact of those grants, which in turn can help inform future grant making to the causes you love
- Ways your grants and the charities you support are helping achieve positive community change in priorities identified as critical by the community foundation

If you'd like to discuss your giving strategies or explore new ways to maximize your impact, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help you achieve your philanthropic goals and create lasting change in our community.

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