

CHARITABLE FUNDS TO ACHIEVE YOUR CHARITABLE GOALS

The LCF offers flexible and efficient charitable fund options to help you achieve your charitable goals. You can provide immediate and long-term support to any IRS-recognized charity, Lutheran and/or non-Lutheran. You can also choose to remain anonymous in your giving.

DYNAMIC FUND

Set up a fund that lets you recommend grants to your favorite charities at any time while receiving an immediate tax deduction for your gifts.
\$10,000 minimum

DESIGNATED FUND

Set up a fund to support your favorite charities, causes and/or the community through annual grant distributions.

Your Charity

Designate one or more charities. *\$5,000 per charity minimum*

Designate a Scholarship. Provides a permanent scholarship through a designated college, university or seminary. *\$5,000 per educational institution minimum*

Your Cause

Designate Your Cause/Area of Interest. Create a fund to address a specific area of interest without naming a specific organization. The LCF researches specific charities to address your designated cause. *\$25,000 minimum*

Give With Others. Select an interest area—disaster response, education, health or human services and/or a specific Lutheran church body—and the LCF will take your voice into our shared community to address needs through a broader, Lutheran response. *Gifts of any size are welcome.*

Your Community

LCF Community Fund. Gifts address unmet needs facing our shared Lutheran community. Donor interest, community assessment and research guide how the community benefits. *Gifts of any size are welcome.*



VISION

Throughout our community
and by God's grace, we will achieve effective,
positive and lasting change.

MISSION

To serve our donors with integrity as
together we change lives and spread joy
by sharing our blessings with the world.

VALUES

As a Lutheran organization, our work
reflects our faith, integrity, expertise,
innovation and collaboration.

The LCF is committed to environmental
stewardship, printing on paper made from
100% post-consumer fiber using Green-e
Certified renewable energy and meeting
Forest Stewardship Council standards.

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YOUR VALUES. 
YOUR COMMUNITY.
YOUR OWN GIVING.

SPREADING JOY. CHANGING LIVES.™



LUTHERAN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION®

A PART OF YOUR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

As Lutherans, we have a rich and varied history of working together to address important issues with creativity, passion and purpose. The Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) is part of this tradition. We bring the strength and flexibility of the community foundation model to help you act on your faith and values.

Through the LCF, people are spreading joy and changing lives through charitable giving—often times in ways they never thought were possible.

You choose the charity, cause and/or the community to benefit. We make the most of your gifts through careful management to achieve your giving goals.

Your values. Your community. Your own giving.



LCF donors are changing lives every day. Their gifts support thousands of organizations throughout our local, national and global community.

GIVING OPTIONS TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

There are benefits to giving that go beyond the personal satisfaction of helping others. Whether you want to give now, give later, or give and receive, the LCF offers options to match your interests and financial circumstances, with maximum tax benefits for you.

YOUR GIVING PREFERENCE

Give Now

Make an immediate, outright charitable gift.

- Cash
- Publicly traded securities (stocks and mutual funds)
- Real estate
- Closely held stock

Give Later

Make a deferred charitable gift, retaining flexibility and control of the gift asset while living.

- Bequest through a will or living trust
- Beneficiary proceeds, including IRAs, tax-sheltered annuities, and 401(k) and 403(b) plans

Make a significant charitable gift upon your death.

- Life insurance

Give & Receive

Make a gift and receive income payments for life. Charities benefit upon your death.

- Charitable gift annuity with gift of cash or publicly traded securities (stocks and mutual funds)

Make a gift and receive income payments for life or a term of years. Charities benefit upon your death.

- Charitable remainder unitrust or annuity trust with gift of cash or publicly traded securities. Unitrusts offer additional gift options of real estate or closely held stock.

BENEFITS TO YOU

- Receive an immediate charitable deduction.
- Bypass capital gain tax on the appreciation of securities, real estate and/or closely held stock owned for more than one year.
- Retain control over the assets while living.
- Designate all or a portion of the proceeds.
- Heirs avoid paying income and estate taxes on the assets.
- Immediate charitable deductions for premium payments when LCF is named owner and beneficiary, or
- Retain ownership and control when LCF is partial, sole or contingent beneficiary.
- Income payments for life, a portion of which is typically tax exempt.
- Begin receiving income payments immediately or defer to a future date.
- Immediate charitable deduction.
- Unitrust payments are adjusted annually based on the value of your trust's assets. Annuity trust payments are for a fixed amount.
- Immediate charitable deduction.
- Bypass capital gain tax if you give securities or real estate.

A PROVEN STEWARD FOR YOUR GIFTS

The LCF has built a proven track record of sound stewardship for gifts from thousands of donors. That is how the LCF has consistently earned top ratings for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator, a leading charity evaluator in the United States.

We help you create a lasting legacy that benefits your favorite charities and causes—all with low administrative fees and maximum tax advantages.



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

We invite you to change lives and spread joy. To learn more, call the LCF at 800/365-4172, or visit us online at TheLCF.org.