

WANT TO HELP BUT NOT SURE WHERE TO START?



HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM

WE MAKE GIVING TO LOCAL CAUSES EASY

Are you looking to make a difference but you don't have a favorite charitable organization or cause?

We have many funds, all doing great work, for you to consider for a small or large gift.

If you care about our community at large, the Community Endowment is for you. Or perhaps you want to help our local food pantries purchase food for low-income families. Check out the following list to find funds that fit your giving needs.



Community Funds

- Community Endowment – board-directed funding for general needs
- Dolly Patron's Imagination Library Endowment – supports an in-home literacy program for children birth to five years old
- Great Community Give – supports our annual fundraising day for nonprofits
- HR Disaster Relief Fund – preparing reserves for a potential event
- HR Food Pantry Endowment – supporting local food pantries
- Rocco Legacy Endowment – contribute towards professional development and leadership skills for those working with local nonprofit
- Vocational Education Endowed Scholarship – adult-focused support

Area of Interest Funds

- Children's Cancer Endowment – helps families with travel expenses
- Valley Arts and Culture Fund
- Historic Preservation Fund

Designated Endowment – benefiting a specific organization

- Asbury United Methodist Church Restoration Endowment
- Bernie's Purse – supports clients at the Blue Ridge Free Clinic with short-term needs with funding for gas, food, prescriptions, etc.
- Blue Ridge Legal Endowment
- Central Valley Habitat for Humanity Endowment
- Clover Hill Church Cemetery Endowment

- HR Child Daycare Center Endowment
- Industrial Commercial Ministries Endowment
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors Endowment – helps pay electric bills for low-income families
- Public Art Endowment – provides support to the Arts Council of the Valley for public art
- Our Community Place Endowment
- Rocktown Endowment – supports the local historical society
- St Jacob's-Spaders Church Cemetery Endowment
- Virginia Quilt Museum Endowment
- WMRA Endowment

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Forever Fund

[fawr-ev-er, fer-] [/fʌnd/] NOUN Synonym: Endowment



1. A long-term investment that pays annual dividends

EXAMPLE. The Forever Fund helps our clinic pay for basic medical supplies every year.

2. A kind of generosity that leaves a legacy

EXAMPLE. Several generations of the Brown family sang in the choir and their family's Forever Fund benefits the church's music program.

3. A way of supporting your favorite charity into the future

EXAMPLE. She set up a Forever Fund to benefit the nature reserve she visited throughout her childhood, helping ensure it remains a place for people and wildlife to enjoy in the future.

HOW TO START A FOREVER FUND

1. Name the endowment. Options include anonymity or recognition of a family or individuals.
2. Decide what your endowment will benefit. This is where you can dream. Your endowment can benefit a church, a nonprofit, or an area of interest (arts, animal welfare, human services, youth, etc.).
3. Make a gift, or set up your estate to make the gift.
4. Investment growth preserves the annual gift.
5. The charity or group working in your area of interest receives a gift of funds each year.
6. Enjoy knowing your gift will forever make a difference.

EXAMPLES OF ENDOWMENTS

Named for the donor

- Donna F. Simmons Family Endowment – supporting homeless, elderly, and youth
- Wallace and Carolyn Hatcher Endowment – supporting Eastern Mennonite School

Area of interest

- Children's Cancer Endowment – supporting travel expenses of families with children in treatment
- Hildred Neff Memorial – supporting wildlife and animal welfare

Designated for specific organizations

- Central Valley Habitat for Humanity
- St. Jacob's-Spaders Cemetery

Scholarships

These endowments can be set up with a range of criteria that you choose, benefiting students

- from a specific high school,
- going to a specific vocational school or university,
- who are first-generation, athletes, etc.

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