Connecting a passion with purpose

If you have a particular area of interest that’s most meaningful to you, such as the elderly, children, arts, education, animals, healthcare, or a specific geographical area, then a field of interest fund might be the right choice for you.

WHY ESTABLISH A FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND

The needs of a community change over time. Rather than lock your charitable gift into a few specific charities, your field-of-interest fund will stay flexible to support evolving needs and a variety of nonprofits focused on your area of interest. The Community Foundation’s experienced staff and board will evaluate each grant request with your fund’s purpose in mind and any other guidelines you’ve given us. We then carefully monitor the results of your fund’s grants to be sure your charitable wishes are honored.

DECIDE WHEN AND WHAT TO GIVE

Gifts can be made during your lifetime or through your estate plan, such as an IRA designation or a bequest in your will. The Community Foundation accepts gifts of many types of assets, including cash, stock, IRA QCD, and real estate, enabling you to benefit from maximum tax advantages. Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time, with the earnings used to make grants in your chosen field of interest in perpetuity.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

We make supporting your philanthropic passions easy. Work with our experienced staff to create your own unique fund, and have access to valuable knowledge about area nonprofits. This type of fund allows donors to work closely with the Community Foundation’s team to identify organizations that are making the greatest impact in the area of your choice—in Brevard and beyond.

The Community Foundation for Brevard handles all the administrative tasks of achieving your philanthropic goals—from investment options and keeping track of your gifts and grants, to sending you statements of activity.

Turning a passion into a purpose

Michael’s passion to support those without a voice, led him to establish the MNT Fund supporting homeless, sick or injured wild or domestic animals in Brevard.

“I know that needs and organizations will change over time and entrust the Foundation to support animal welfare organizations doing the best work, now and in the future.”

Since 1998, grants from his fund have helped thousands of animals and those responsible for their care.

Giving the gift of a smile

Born with cleft lip and palate, Phoebe’s life was saved by quick-thinking family and multiple surgeries. Reflecting back on her life, Phoebe realized she could help others with the same medical issue.

Since 2015, the Mr. and Mrs. Hendrik Leeman Fund has brought best-in-class treatment to Brevard and Central Florida, saving lives, and bringing happy and confident smiles to beautiful, young faces—now and forever.