



Your Vision, Your Legacy, the Tri Cities' Future

The Three Rivers Community Foundation is a public nonprofit foundation created by and for the people of the greater Tri Cities. We are here to help our donors make a positive impact on their community.

Three special features of community foundations

One: personalized service. We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors a number of charitable options. You can contribute cash, stocks, property, and bequests. You may establish a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. In most cases, your gift qualifies for maximum tax advantage under federal law.

Two: local expertise. Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community. They monitor all areas of community need — including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. We can help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in areas you care about most.

Three: community leadership. We invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is building community.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.

We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.

Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact Carrie Green at the Three Rivers Community Foundation, 375-3268 x220.

We work on behalf of all the nonprofits in our area.

Three Rivers Community Foundation at a Glance

Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations

One

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

Two

Our professional program staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

Three

We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

Four

Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most, keeping all of the dollars in this area.

Five

We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

Six

We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

Seven

We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

Eight

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

Nine

We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

Ten

We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

Established in 1999, the Three Rivers Community Foundation is one of more than 700 community foundations in the United States today. We are the only one serving the greater Tri Cities area, offering people a variety of ways to touch our community through philanthropic giving.

In 2005, we granted \$112,000. Here are just a few of the areas we have supported:

- Academy of Children's Theatre
- Columbia Basin Dive Rescue
- Domestic Violence Services
- Lourdes Foundation
- The Salvation Army

Through community foundations, you are able to support the causes that are closest to you. Why do those causes need a community foundation? We deal solely with endowments funded with major or planned gifts, and not all nonprofits have the resources to accept and invest these gifts. You can gift an asset to your community foundation, and then the charity of your designation receives income for the lifetime of the nonprofit. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact the Three Rivers Community Foundation.

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