

Our strengths

The Kalamazoo Community Foundation takes pride in our unique expertise and approach to philanthropy in Kalamazoo County. When you work with us, you can expect:

Stability

For nearly a century, we've helped individuals and families show love to their community. Contributions of all kinds and sizes will benefit our community for generations to come.

Knowledge

Our organization possesses an unparalleled base of knowledge about the people and issues facing Kalamazoo County. We apply these connections to ensure your gift is used as you intend and where it is needed most.

Impact

We support Kalamazoo County nonprofits addressing immediate community needs, as well as collaborate with those organizations creating long-term, transformative change.



Contact us

It's important we listen and build a personalized approach to ensuring you love where you live.

Please reach out to our Donor Relations staff, and learn more about how we can create community together!

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Building community. Together.





What we can do together

Our mission is to **mobilize people, resources, and expertise** to advance racial, social, and economic justice. With your support, here's how we work toward fulfilling this mission:

- 1 We serve as a catalyst for community change** to provide opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.
- 2 We make smart, strategic investments in Kalamazoo County** by granting funds to the nonprofits that demonstrate the greatest need and have the greatest impact.
- 3 We provide leadership by convening strategic partners** across a variety of sectors for unique learning, collaboration and relationship-building opportunities.
- 4 We connect donors with the causes they care about most.** Find a fund that fits your giving style on the "Choose your own fund" panel of this brochure.

Interested in partnering with us? Find more details on the next panel about how your giving can support our mission and your interests.

Choose your own fund

Love Where You Live funds

When you establish a Love Where You Live Fund, you place your trust in us, and enable us to use our knowledge and expertise to make community investments. Our Love Where You Live funds are unrestricted, with a focus.

Donor Advised funds

This is the best option for those who want to take an active role in making grant suggestions; it's like having a charitable checkbook.

Field-of-Interest funds

Give to the issue you care about most: youth, the environment, education, healthcare, the arts, or any other personal cause. Your gift remains flexible to meet the needs of the community as it changes over time.

Designated Endowed funds

These funds benefit the specific nonprofit, educational institution or faith-based organization of your choice.

Scholarships

These scholarships support undergraduate and graduate education, professional development, and other educational enrichment opportunities.

How you can make a difference

Support now

You can start supporting our community now with an outright gift of:

- Cash
- Securities
- Real estate
- Life insurance



Support later

Supporting our community through your estate plan enables you to control your assets during your lifetime, invest in your community and possibly give more than you imagined.

You can make a deferred gift by designating the Kalamazoo Community Foundation as the beneficiary of:

- A bequest
- Your IRA or retirement plan
- Life insurance

Additional ways to support

There are other ways to make a gift that provides income during your lifetime. Reach out to our Donor Relations staff to learn more ways you can support our community.