

YOUR COMMUNITY. **YOUR FOUNDATION.**



Realize your philanthropic vision with the  
Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation



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## TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

In a community as generous and diverse as ours, it can be a complex process to choose where to put your philanthropic dollars. We can help. The Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation has played an integral part in our community's rich history and well-being, and we continue to play a significant role in nurturing our community's bright future.

### **We are at our best when we grow together.**

The OPRFCF is *your* community foundation. With our knowledge and expertise, we have the ability to turn your financial gift into a unique and lasting legacy that will have meaningful impact on individuals, families and organizations in Oak Park-River Forest and our neighboring communities.

Whatever your philanthropic goals, we invite you to partner with us. Learn more about our communities and how investing with the Foundation can assist in achieving your goal of establishing a legacy of giving, toward issues you care about deeply.

With our donors' generous help in the past, we've changed lives for the better. With your committed investment in the future, we'll continue to do so for years to come.

### **We look forward to being your partner in philanthropy.**

# Reasons to Work with Us



## **YOUR GOALS ARE OUR GOALS.**

The primary focus of the Foundation is to help our community members identify and achieve their long-term philanthropic objectives.

## **PHILANTHROPY IS OUR JOB.**

It's not a sideline for us — our sole mission is philanthropy, free from conflicts of interest and with the singular motivation of serving donors and grant recipients.

## **WE KNOW THE COMMUNITY.**

We have served the people of Oak Park, River Forest and the surrounding area for over 60 years. We understand the needs of the community and can help you make the greatest impact with your giving.

## **OUR REACH IS BROAD.**

We realize your philanthropic interests may extend to organizations and causes beyond our local communities. The Foundation can assist with charitable giving wherever those interests lie, whether it's a local mission-based organization, a national nonprofit or your alma mater.

## **WE POSSESS DEEP PHILANTHROPIC EXPERTISE.**

From addressing the diverse needs of our communities to managing complex asset portfolios, our areas of expertise span the full range of challenges faced by philanthropic individuals and families.

## **WE'RE PART OF YOUR ADVISING TEAM.**

We work collaboratively with your personal advisors — legal, accounting, financial and others — to carry out your philanthropic plans and ensure their success.

## **WE'RE WITH YOU AT EVERY STEP.**

Philanthropic needs and goals change over time. Our experienced and professional staff is ready to help you at every stage.

## **WE OFFER TAX ADVANTAGES.**

As a public charity, the Foundation offers the maximum tax advantage under federal law for most gifts.

## **WE CAN MAKE YOUR GIFT GO FURTHER.**

The Foundation can amplify the impact and reach of your charitable giving in the community by pooling it with other gifts and grants, if you so choose.

## **WE ARE DEDICATED TO YOU.**

A member of our staff will always be available to personally assist you if you have questions or seek additional information in connection with your philanthropic projects.

# Realize Your Philanthropic Vision

Giving is personal. Maybe there's a cause or an organization that is close to your heart. Or perhaps it's a family tradition — or one you hope to start. Whatever the reason, the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation is here to help you maximize your philanthropic giving to its fullest potential.

The Foundation remains unwavering in our commitment to grow the funds donors have entrusted to us, and will preserve their wishes regarding how we manage those funds in perpetuity.

As partners in each philanthropic effort we undertake, the Foundation enables donors to meet their goals of cultivating our community's growth and advancing its progress — today and for years to come.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you, your family and the additional trusted advisors in your life to accomplish your philanthropic goals.

## **Benefits of investing with OPRFCF include:**

- Name recognition or anonymity for your giving, according to your preferences
- Favorable tax benefits for individuals, families or businesses\*
- Assistance with determining the donor's fields of interest and the best instruments to support those interests
- Flexibility in the source of donor funds, including cash, stock and other assets
- Personalized, knowledgeable partnership with OPRFCF philanthropic advisors
- Ongoing fund management by OPRFCF professional experts
- Consistent, clear communication from the OPRFCF team in determining funding schedules

\* OPRFCF does not provide legal or tax services. Donors should consult with their own financial, legal or tax advisors to determine the best charitable giving strategies for their individual needs and the tax implications associated with any contribution to OPRFCF.

When you develop a funding strategy with the Foundation, you establish an influential practice and a legacy of charitable giving that can improve individuals' lives, advance the work of local organizations and help community-based initiatives thrive. Your generosity and vision helps residents in Oak Park-River Forest and its surrounding areas flourish.



A donor-advised fund is a convenient and flexible vehicle for individuals and families to execute their philanthropic vision and support a range of charitable, cultural or educational organizations and programs, now and over time.

*Contact the Foundation to learn more and set up a donor-advised fund today.*



## Donor-Advised Funds: Establish Your Charitable Legacy

### **YOU START WITH A NAME.**

Secure your charitable legacy by selecting a name for your donor-advised fund. It could be in your name, your family's name, in honor of an individual or an organization, or even something mission-oriented. Next, determine who will be named as advisors to the fund; they may even be anonymous.

### **YOUR BENEFITS ARE IMMEDIATE.**

Once you contribute assets to the fund, it is active — it's that simple. You will immediately realize the tax benefits, and your contributions grow tax-free. The Foundation then continues to handle all grant research, asset management, tax reporting and record-keeping, so you can focus on what's important: giving.

### **YOU CHOOSE THE WAY YOU WANT TO GIVE.**

When it comes time to give, we will work with you to select the charitable organizations you wish to support through grants. Our advisors can recommend grant-making opportunities in the Oak Park-River Forest area, the greater Chicagoland region or at the national level that align with your charitable objectives. It's ultimately your choice. Grants are released in the name of the fund and whichever donor advisors you wish to be listed.

### **YOU WORK WITH A TEAM.**

The Foundation works with your trusted advisors to ensure your investment is managed effectively and your philanthropic intentions are honored. Your legal advisors are welcome to participate as advocates for your goals in the granting process. Due diligence is performed by either the Foundation's investment managers or your own financial advisors to protect and preserve the investment structure of your charitable assets.

### **YOU PLANT THE SEEDS OF A LEGACY.**

Donor-advised funds provide a way to involve your family in the rewards of philanthropy. And because you can name successors to the fund, you're able to engage future generations to ensure your charitable legacy continues and grows.



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# Immediate Impact and Lasting Legacy

To provide broad support for the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation's mission and programs, you may donate to our two general funds: the **Fund for Now** and the **Fund for Forever**.

Gifts to the Fund for Now assist our operations and advance multiple OPRFCF programs and giving groups, including:



The Entrepreneur Leaders in Philanthropy, a giving group supporting big ideas and innovation



Women Leaders in Philanthropy, a giving group committed to the well-being of the community



NextGen Leaders, a giving group for emerging professionals and philanthropists in the Oak Park-River Forest area



Future Philanthropists, a program introducing area high school students to the fundamentals of philanthropy



Impact Excellence, a series of capacity building seminars on issues that strengthen nonprofits in the community

## Fund for Now

Generous donations to the Fund for Now continue to help the Foundation involve individuals, mobilize resources to improve the lives of area residents, and support organizations throughout Oak Park-River Forest and neighboring communities.

## Fund for Forever

The Fund for Forever is the Foundation's grantmaking endowment. This fund provides the resources for direct grants to community organizations making a difference in the Oak Park-River Forest area. Gifts to this fund are invested for the long term, ensuring donors' contributions will have meaningful impact on area residents for generations to come.



## Getting Started with the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation

The Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation has supported our area's progress and growth for decades. We've done so by engaging in a spirit of collaboration and partnership with donors who seek to realize their philanthropic passions, and who wish to create traditions of giving that improve the lives of everyone who calls our neighborhoods "home."

We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to establish a tradition of community giving.

We'll discover where your interests in our community lie, and explore what aspects of our residents' lives you'd like to nourish. Then we'll put your money to work in those areas, by supporting organizations and initiatives that ensure your dollars make an immediate and tangible difference in the world around you.

We are grateful for your commitment to the continued growth and progress of Oak Park, River Forest and surrounding communities, today and for generations to come. We look forward to speaking with you.



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