



No one knows exactly what tomorrow may bring for our community. What needs and opportunities will arise? What critical work will we be called to do to improve quality of life in our community? What can we do now to help assure that future needs are met?

The Better Together Fund was created to address these questions. It presents an opportunity for all who love Greater Des Moines to invest in our community's most important issues, initiatives and needs for generations to come. Think of it as the savings account for the future of our community. The flexible dollars it provides enable the Community Foundation to respond to emerging needs as they arise – and invest significant funding in initiatives and opportunities that strengthen Greater Des Moines.

We can't predict the future. But today, through the Better Together Fund, we can play a role in positioning our community for continued success. We're simply better together.

## Open a Better Together Fund



- You can create a Better Together charitable giving fund in your name to ensure continued support of our community's pressing needs and promising opportunities through the Community Foundation's grantmaking.



- A Better Together fund can be established during your lifetime and provide you with the opportunity to see the impact of your investments in action. It can also be established after your lifetime, through your will or trust, to continue your commitment to the community for generations to come.



- We accept a variety of gifts including cash, stock, real estate, business interests, personal tangible property, retirement plans, life insurance, agricultural assets and more to make sure that you are maximizing your giving in tax-wise ways.



- Contributions to your fund can be made at anytime with the possibility of accessing unique tax-wise giving opportunities like the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, a 25% state tax credit.

## Make a Gift to the Better Together Fund



- A gift to the Better Together Fund is a gift to the community today and into the future. Because the Better Together Fund is a permanent endowment for our community, your support will make an impact for generations to come.



- Gifts can be made using a variety of asset types and may qualify for Endow Iowa Tax Credits.

BETTER TOGETHER

# Legacy Society

The Better Together Legacy Society recognizes individuals and families who are investing in our community after their lifetimes through Better Together grantmaking programs. These forward-thinking community members are leaving a legacy of support for the future of our community.

To view current members of the Better Together Legacy Society, visit: [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/bettertogetherlegacy](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/bettertogetherlegacy)



"We believe in the work of the Community Foundation and are confident the organization will continue to stand as a pillar in the community by making critical investments where they are most needed. As members of the Better Together Legacy Society, we have made a lasting commitment to the community by ensuring support of the Community Foundation's strategic grantmaking for generations to come."

— CATHY & STEVE LACY



"Through its grantmaking, the Community Foundation is making investments in projects and initiatives that improve quality of life for all in Greater Des Moines. By leaving a portion of my charitable giving fund to the Better Together Fund after my lifetime, I am assured I will continue to play a part in investing in the success of our region."

— JOSEPH JONES



"We choose to give to the Community Foundation's Better Together Fund because when our donations are pooled with others, we can have greater impact both now and in the future. The Community Foundation is engaged with charitable organizations and knows the pressing needs in the community. It's the best place to invest our resources so they will have the most benefit for the community."

— PEGGY FISHER & LARRY STELTER



"As I considered my estate plans, I wanted to provide ongoing support for my children and my community. As an individual I'm not aware of the full scope of opportunities to make a difference, but the Community Foundation has their finger on the pulse of community needs. By leaving a gift to the Better Together Fund, I trust the Community Foundation will continue to invest in the right projects at the right time."

— KATHY KUNATH

For more information about establishing a fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, contact us at (515) 883-2626 or [info@desmoinesfoundation.org](mailto:info@desmoinesfoundation.org).



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