



Elgin-St. Thomas
Community
Foundation

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“Your path to an enriched community”

Support the charities and communities you love...forever.

Legacy Funds make it easy to contribute to the causes you care about most through a donation or planned gift. The funds are endowed (held into perpetuity) to create a permanent source of support.

Your named Fund will be managed by The Elgin St. Thomas Community Foundation to ensure the donors’ charitable gifts will grow over time and be distributed to make the greatest impact. These gifts are pooled and invested for the long-term, with annual grant distributions to effective, established organizations working within the specific interest areas.



YOU design your personal Fund!

We provide a flexible range of services that can ***tailor design*** an Endowment Fund that meets your personal vision.

- Your personal Fund –named as you direct- will celebrate your legacy each year into perpetuity.
- Support the charities or causes that are close to your heart
- Personally direct the granting annually,-- or direct us on your behalf
- Include future generations in your planning

Your Gift keeps on Giving!

Once you establish an Endowment Fund, we hold and manage the capital into perpetuity, granting from the interest each year.

Your original gift will therefore be granted over and over and over,.....the value of your original gift approximately every 28years!



How do I establish a Fund?

An Endowment Fund can be established through a gift received from a bequest, though more and more donors prefer to create their Funds during their lifetime. The advantage to this is our ability to work with each donor to design your Fund ***to fit your vision***, and the donor's opportunity to build comfort and trust with the Community Foundation. Establishing a fund during your lifetime gives you an opportunity to see the impact of your support!

There are many ways to give and each has their own advantages. Transfer of stocks, bonds and shares for example benefit from CRA rules that eliminate tax on capital gains. Other ways to give include life insurance policies, or gifts in wills such as direct bequests, charitable remainder trusts, RRIF, RRSP's.

A conversation with your personal accounting/tax professional and investment advisors can help you determine the best approach for you, and we are happy to support those conversations when needed.

Once established, anyone can contribute to your Fund in any amount.

Thank you for your interest in the Elgin-St. Thomas Community Foundation and for this opportunity to provide a brief overview of our services.