



"I applaud Karen Whalen and Joan Witt for having the foresight to create a Field of Interest Fund like the Women's Fund. We are able to do some incredible things for local women and girls as a result."

-Helen "Niki" Motley, Women's Fund Committee Chair

A PERSONAL CONNECTION

The Women's Fund is a Field of Interest Fund that supports programs and services that address the needs of women and girls in the community.

According to Fund Co-Creator Joan Witt the Fund was established to help women in the community succeed financially, mentally and physically. The second goal was to utilize the Fund to promote female philanthropy.

"We've supported everything from pre-natal care to support groups at nursing homes," says Joan. "At one point we created calendars because we realized a lot of women aren't raised to live by any structure."

The Women's Fund has poured more than \$280,000 into female related causes in the community since its inception. The Fund continues to grow through targeted fund raising.

BENEFITS OF A FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities | By establishing a Field of Interest Fund, you can target your gift to address needs in an area important to you. Then, our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select. Your gift stays flexible enough to meet community needs in your interest area - even as they change over time.

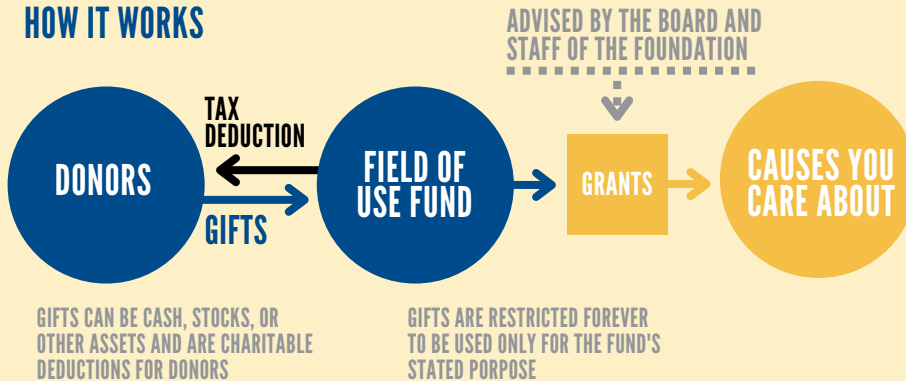
- ♥ **Give where you want** | You determine the focus of your contributions, whether it's human needs, education, arts, or other areas, your guidance shapes the direction of your fund's impact.
- ♥ **Simplify your deductions** | Each gift to your Fund is tax deductible in the year it's made, not with each distribution of funds.
- ♥ **Benefit from market appreciation** | You have the option to invest and grow your gift alongside the Foundation's other assets.
- ♥ **Maximize your tax benefit** | Field of Interest funds can be funded through required minimum distributions of retirement accounts. You can also give in one year and then gifting over time.
- ♥ **Secure online access** | You can view your fund balance and see the impact your fund is making.

GIVE LOCAL FOR LOCAL IMPACT

EVERY GIFT SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITIES' LEGACY

WHY GIVE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION?

HOW IT WORKS



When establishing a Field of Interest Fund you set its direction, the maintenance is left up to us. Our professional program staff continually monitors changing community needs so that you can be sure grants made in the name of the fund make the most impact in your field of interest and create your personal legacy of giving. You can add any amount to the fund at any time - and so can others who share your interests in the community. If you endow your gift, it becomes a permanent community funding resource.

STAFF SUPPORT

Our staff offers expert understanding of community needs, delivering personalized service that aligns with individual charitable and financial interests.

GIVING EXPERTISE

We work with you or your financial advisor to offer flexibility, accepting donations in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, or other complex forms for giving. These gifts usually qualify for maximum tax benefits.

STAYING POWER

Since 1951 we have established enduring endowment funds that perpetually benefit the community and create lasting legacies for our donors. With over \$150M under our care, we have the stability to ensure these legacies continue to make a positive impact forever.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

As a community leader, we bring together various agencies and coordinate resources to enact positive change. By choosing to give through us, you're not just contributing to a cause, but bolstering and expanding our collective impact on the community.



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