

Fact Sheet



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Mission

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc.'s (CFSCI) mission is: Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter For Good For Ever For Switzerland County. CFSCI's board and staff are dedicated to building, managing, and distributing a lasting source of charitable funds for the good of Switzerland County.

Assets

As of December 31, 2018, total net assets were approximately \$11.2 million.

Grants

Since its inception, the Community Foundation has granted out approximately \$3.6 million in direct grants and scholarships and has assisted in bringing an additional \$6.5 million into Switzerland County.

Governance

A volunteer Board of Directors made up from the different areas of the county govern the Community Foundation. In 2019, Dick Yanikoski was elected President of the Board. Past presidents include founding president John Keeton, Roger Nay, Judy Firth, Jill Hutcherson, Cindy Welch, Sandy Althoff, Roger Parrott, Adam Cole, Steve Lyons and Roy Leap.

Funding

CFSCI makes grants from over 120 different charitable funds that donors have established at the Foundation. Donors may ask the Foundation to grant their funds to a particular organization or field of interest, or they may prefer that grantmaking decisions be left to the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Nonprofit organizations can also create endowment funds at the Foundation to support their own missions.

Program Areas

CFSCI awards grants in the areas of community service, social service, education, health, environment, and arts & culture. At the request of the donor, grants may be made for religious purposes.

Area Served

Primarily Switzerland County, but grants may be made to organizations outside of Switzerland County who serve the needs of the Switzerland County community.

Tax Status

As a public charity, CFSCI offers donors the highest level of charitable tax benefits.

Contact Us

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Ways to Give



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Security, flexibility, and tax advantages are key to all contributions to the Community Foundation. Our staff will guide you through the process of establishing a fund, or directing your gift to an existing fund that is best suited to your charitable desires. You can be assured your donation will be utilized according to your philanthropic interests. The variety of fund options and giving methods available to you will provide flexibility in accommodating your charitable goals and meeting your tax and estate planning objectives.

Cash: Gifts of cash enable you as a donor to claim a current tax deduction of up to 50% of your adjusted gross income in any one year when you itemize deductions, with the excess, if any, carried forward for an additional five years.

Securities: Gifts of appreciated securities offer important tax advantages, since their full fair market value is deductible as a charitable contribution up to 30% of your adjusted gross income each year when you itemize deductions. Like gifts of cash, deduction amounts that exceed the limit can be carried forward for up to five additional years. You do not have to pay federal or state capital gains taxes on the appreciated portion of the gift.

Real Estate: The Community Foundation can accept a gift of a house or other personal residence, farm, commercial building, and income-producing or non-income-producing land. A gift of real estate that you have owned for more than a year entitles you to a tax deduction based on the fair market value of the property - while allowing you to avoid capital gains tax. While this type of gift must be approved in advance, unencumbered real property is an excellent option.

Life Insurance: For those whose need for life insurance has decreased, making a gift of an unneeded policy can be a convenient and effective way of meeting your charitable goals. When you transfer ownership of a cash value policy to the Community Foundation, you become eligible for a charitable tax deduction based on its current value.

Retirement Plan Assets: For a gift through your estate, retirement plan assets are often the best to give because they are so heavily taxed if left to heirs. Income and estate taxes can easily consume over 65% of the account balance at death. By naming the Foundation as the remainder beneficiary of these assets, you can leave a very efficient legacy.

Bequest by Will: Naming the Foundation in your will or living trust is a popular way to support the community. Your estate receives a charitable deduction for the full amount given, so your heirs pay no estate tax. Sample bequest language may be obtained at the Community Foundation office.

Charitable Gift Annuity: Giving through a Charitable Gift Annuity allows you to arrange a generous gift to your community, while providing yourself (or a loved one) with a new income source you can count on for the rest of your life. We set up a contract with you that combines immediate annuity payments with a deferred charitable gift. You receive a stream of income that is fixed, regardless of market conditions. Upon your death, we set up a charitable fund on your behalf.

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Frequently Asked Questions



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How is the Community Foundation governed?

By a volunteer board of directors representing the diversity of Switzerland County. Board members can serve up to two three-year terms.

Where does funding to operate the Foundation come from?

From several sources. The Foundation annually charges a 1.5% administrative contribution to endowments, an Administrative Endowment makes grants for operating costs, and the Foundation's current and former directors also contribute.

Are contributions to the Community Foundation tax-deductible?

Absolutely. The IRS has classified the Community Foundation of Switzerland County as a 501 (c) (3) public charity, so gifts qualify for the most generous tax (income, capital gains, and estate) benefits available.

Can I be specific about how my contribution is used?

Yes. Some donors know exactly where they want their contributions to go. In these instances the Community Foundation's responsibility is to ensure that the recipient organization is a legitimate non-profit entity with an active board that meets the standards of the Foundation.

May contributions be made anonymously?

Yes. All you have to do is inform the staff of your wishes and they will ensure that your name remains anonymous.

Who are the donors to the Community Foundation of Switzerland County?

Donors are people just like you. One need not be wealthy to make a difference. Working with the Community Foundation, you can have a lasting impact on the quality of life in Switzerland County right now and for years to come.

May I leave a bequest to the Community Foundation of Switzerland County in my will?

Most certainly. Community members are urged to consider a bequest for the benefit of the Switzerland County community through the Community Foundation.

What is an 'endowment'?

It is a permanent fund set up by an individual or organization through a written agreement between the donor and the Foundation. Gifts to the fund are invested. Investment income is used to make grants and scholarships. The original value of the fund is not spent. All of the Foundation's more than 100 endowment funds are pooled for investment purposes but each individual fund is accounted for separately.

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What kinds of grants can be awarded from an endowment?

The Foundation is a very flexible tool for people to use and as long as a project, program, or organization is charitable, anything is possible. Founding donors establish how grants should be distributed from their endowment.

What does it cost to set up an endowment?

There are no start-up fees. An annual administration contribution of 1.5% from the fund is used to help with administrative expenses, including reporting annually to founding donors about their funds' financial activity.

What is the minimum amount needed to start an endowment?

An endowment must reach \$5,000 (\$10,000 for scholarships) before it can start awarding grants. However, an Acorn Fund can be established with \$1,000 as long as a donor commits to contributing \$500 or more annually until the fund does reach \$5,000. The fund will not pay out any grants until it reaches \$5,000 and that amount has been invested for one full fiscal year.

How are my gifts invested?

The Foundation's Investment Committee, with the assistance of an investment consulting firm, seeks to prudently maximize returns by investing in a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds and diversifying over a number of asset categories. The Foundation tries to preserve the 'purchasing power' of the funds over time by reinvesting a portion of the investment returns back into the fund. That way the endowments keep pace with inflation.

How are the endowment grants determined?

The Foundation has adopted, along with hundreds of endowment managers in the country, a Total Return Policy. The policy has two goals: to maintain and increase the real value of the endowment and to smooth out the short-term roller coaster ride that inevitably results from investing in the marketplace. Depending on the current climate, the Foundation generally awards up to 4% of a fund's average market value over the preceding 20 quarters. New funds must be invested a full calendar year before they can make grants.

Why establish a fund with the Community Foundation instead of giving directly to a favorite charity?

A gift to the Community Foundation to support a favorite charity or cause is a permanent gift that will produce income forever. A donor who supports a particular charity with an annual gift can continue to support the charity forever by making a permanent gift to the Community Foundation for that charity during his/her lifetime or in his/her will.

Types of Funds



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Community Funds

Your gift can address ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often can't be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

The Bond Family Community Fund
Community Foundation Board & Alumni Community Fund
William & Kathy Day Community Fund
Duke Energy Community Fund
Joe & Mary Ann Ricketts Community Fund
Switzerland County Community Fund
Vevay Deposit Bank Community Fund
Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Community Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds provide donors with the ongoing opportunity of recommending grants from the fund they establish, subject to approval by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Pam & Bud Acton Fund
Jim Alexander Memorial Fund for Agriculture
Lynn Bear Memorial Fund
Carl "CB" Bovard Memorial Fund
Gullion Family Fund
Randy Hise Memorial Fund
Antoinette "Toni" Kniola Red HOT Hatters' Memorial Fund
Jeanne & Butch Konkle Fund
Michael J. Leap Memorial Fund
Steve & Teresa Lyons Fund
George A. Robbins Memorial Fund
Lowell Wayne Sullivan, True to the Red, White & Blue Fund
Swango Family Fund
Women's Giving Circle of Switzerland County Fund

Acorn Funds

These funds are under \$5,000 (\$10,000 for scholarships), but donors are set on a schedule to regularly add to the fund so that it reaches the \$5,000 (\$10,000 for scholarships) minimum in a reasonable timeframe. At the time the fund reaches the minimum, the fund will then become a permanent endowment based on the donor's wishes. The Fund will not award any grants until it reaches \$5,000 (\$10,000 for scholarships) and that amount has been invested for one full fiscal year.

Mr. Larry W. Boggs Fund
Oscar, Bea, Sherry Edd Cook Family Scholarship Fund
Roger May Memorial Fund
Mary Smith Family Fund

Nonpermanent Funds

These funds use the Community Foundation as a pass-through. These funds can be totally granted out.

Jim Allison Memorial Fund
Keeping Pace Cancer Fund
Jeanette Christine "Chrissy" Ridener Fund

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Field of Interest Funds

Your gift can support particular areas of interest that you may have such as children, the arts, education, or needs of the elderly. The Foundation then selects the agencies or programs that fit the donor's wishes.

Delores M. Cole Memorial Fund
Ron & Marylou Hocker Fund
Vera Sue Keith Family Fund for Special Education
Hannah Grace Klein Memorial Fund
Switzerland County's Animals & Environment Fund
Switzerland County's Health & Safety Fund
Switzerland County's Lifelong Learning Fund
Switzerland County's Recreation Fund
Switzerland County's Youth & Families Fund
Vevay Switzerland County Bicentennial Legacy Fund
Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Fund for Adult Education

Designated Funds

Your gift can be directed to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose, such as helping a senior center, museum, or virtually any nonprofit organization.

4-H Endowment Fund
Jack & Margery Aldred Memorial Fund
Louis Bullock Memorial Fund
Community Foundation Administrative Fund
Crabtree Family Endowment Fund
Edwin C. Danner, American Legion Post 185 Scholarship Fund
Developmental Services, Inc. Fund
East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department Fund
Charles & Judy Firth Family Fund
Florence Cemetery Fund
Nick Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund
Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D- Switzerland County Fund
Angela Hunger Hoskins Memorial Fund
Jeff Craig Fire & Rescue Fund
Kiwanis Club of Vevay, Inc. Fund
Randy Knott Fund for the Switzerland County Animal Shelter
Lifetime Resources' Senior Services Development Fund
Kevin McSwain Memorial Fund
Debbie Minch Memorial Fund
The Pacer Band Fund
Salem Cemetery Fund
Charles & Carol Seymour Fund for Switzerland Co. Elementary School Library
Switzerland County Animal Shelter Fund in memory of John A. & Hazel M. Danglade
Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation Fund
Switzerland County FFA Fund
Switzerland County Historical Society, Inc. Fund
Switzerland County Quality of Life Fund
Switzerland County School Corporation Fund
Switzerland County YMCA Fund
Technology for High School Enrichment & Adult Learning Fund
Town of Vevay Quality of Life Fund
Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Fund in memory of Ralph W. Tilley for the
Switzerland County YMCA
Vevay-Switzerland County Tri-Kappa Fund
Paul Webber Memorial Fund
Kirk A. Works Fund

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Scholarship Funds



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Jane Alexander Memorial Scholarship
Johnny Andrew 4-H Scholarship
Baatz, Borgman and Hastings Scholarship
Shawn M. Barnes Memorial Scholarship for Madison Consolidated High School
Linda Lee Bennitt Memorial Scholarship
Sgt. Kenneth Raymond Booker Memorial Scholarship
Lauretta & Clyde Borgman and Ralph Baatz Scholarship
John & Freda Bott Memorial Scholarship for Shawe Memorial High School
Denny Brown/Jim Stultz Vevay Warriors Scholarship
The Buchanan Family Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Martin Burley Scholarship
Nelson W. Burley Memorial Scholarship
Bryant W. Butler Memorial Scholarship
Bernice Hart Demaree Memorial Scholarship
Miss Peggy Lorraine "Miss Kitty" Eckerty Scholarship
Bonnie Fancher Memorial Scholarship
The Fisher Family Scholarship
Newell Fox/Mickey Lamson Scholarship
Pete Furnish Scholarship
Robert Furnish Family Scholarship
Robert E. & Betty J. Hardin-Hanover College Scholarship
Guy S. Harris/Patriot Alumni Scholarship
Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home Scholarship
Amos & Anna (Gates) Hastings Scholarship
Dale & Edith (Peters) Hastings Scholarship
Pete Hollitt Memorial Scholarship
Sandra W. Kidwell Memorial Scholarship for Education
Mike McClure Memorial Scholarship
O.H. & Helen McNary Memorial Scholarship
North Bend Farms & Cinergy Scholarship
The Pacer Scholarship Fund
Roger & Bev Parrott Scholarship
Jeanette Orem Parvis Scholarship
Lawrence & Garnet Pickett Memorial Scholarship
U.P. Schenck Memorial Scholarship
Sterling Stringfield Memorial Scholarship
Jack Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
Switzerland County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Switzerland County Elementary PTA Scholarship
Ralph W. Tilley Memorial Scholarship
Carolyn Ann Turner Memorial Scholarship for the Fine Arts
Loni Amber Lynn Turner Memorial Scholarship
Chad Valentine Memorial Scholarship
Diego & Fidelia Valenzuela Scholarship
Carrie Lynn Van Norstran Memorial Scholarship
Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Scholarship
Vevay-Switzerland County Lions Club Scholarship
Scott Welch Memorial Scholarship
Buck White Memorial Scholarship
Leland & Aldean Wiley Family Scholarship
Bobby Joe Williamson Scholarship
Alvin & Julia (Wiley) Works Scholarship
Roy D. Works, Matt & Ethel M. Scudder Memorial Scholarship