



WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH THE BRANFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

1. Create a Charitable Fund

Donors can create a personal legacy in Branford by establishing a named fund—for themselves, their family, or a loved one. A named fund can be one of four kinds:

Unrestricted – helps meet ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time a gift is made. This fund is used to make a difference when it is needed most.

Field of Interest – the donor identifies a need of an important area of community life, such as youth, education, individuals with disabilities, or the environment (to name a few). BCF then awards grants to community agencies and programs that are making a difference in that field.

Designated Fund – earmarked for a specific nonprofit organization or purpose, such as a local welfare fund or the local library, or established to create a scholarship fund.

Donor Advised Fund – a special type of fund for donors who want ongoing involvement in the use of their gift.

The minimum amount required to establish a fund is \$10,000. To help reach your philanthropic goals, we offer a “Build a Fund” option, which allows interested donors 5 years to reach the \$10,000 minimum. In addition, we have a limited number of incentive opportunities available.

2. Give a donation to an existing Charitable Fund

If you are not ready to create a charitable fund but want to contribute to our efforts to enrich the quality of life in Branford, **provide a direct donation of any amount at any time** to one of our existing charitable funds. For a complete list, go to our website at www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org

3. How to give

The Branford Community Foundation has several options for contributions, depending on your personal situation, including:

Outright gifts of cash, stock, or other assets (all of which qualify for maximum tax advantage).

Bequests, through estate planning.

Planning a future gift, such as naming the Branford Community Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA or insurance policy.

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