



minnesota's center
for philanthropy

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a statewide center for philanthropy,
helping minnesotans make a difference every day

Founded in 1915, The Minneapolis Foundation was one of the nation's first community foundations and is the oldest foundation in Minnesota. As a community foundation, we invest and distribute charitable funds created by members of the community.

Families, individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities have created more than 700 charitable funds at The Minneapolis Foundation. Our donors and funding partners contribute approximately \$35 million each year to local and national nonprofit organizations. The Minneapolis Foundation manages assets of more than \$500 million.

The Foundation also serves Minnesotans by building a permanent charitable endowment and distributing the income from it to benefit our community. Over the years we've earned national honors and recognition for providing exceptional donor services and effective grantmaking, convening, and public education programs.



We invite you to learn more about us. Please call 612.672.3878 or
visit www.MinneapolisFoundation.org for more information.

The Minneapolis Foundation

a trusted ally

Helping Minnesotans make the most of their giving.

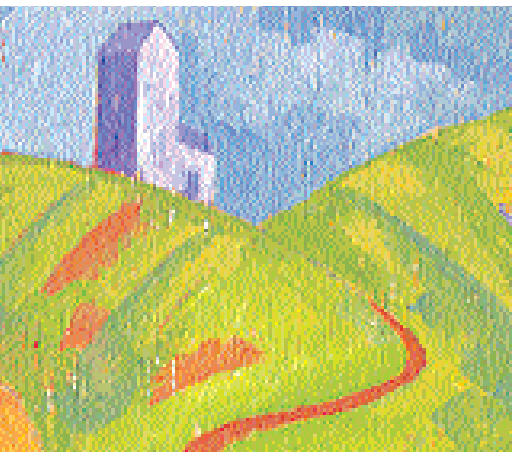
Since 1915, Minnesota families, individuals, and businesses have entrusted The Minneapolis Foundation to manage and distribute their charitable gifts. The impact of their charity can be felt throughout the region. Our donors support the arts, sciences, education, health, housing, religion, the environment, and numerous other issues and institutions throughout the state and across the country – even around the world.

Donors choose how involved they wish to be with The Minneapolis Foundation. We provide opportunities to learn more about community issues, nonprofit organizations, and effective philanthropy. We also offer innovative tools, such as on-line grant-making and access to fund information so donors can recommend grants anytime, from anywhere.

While the charitable interests of our donors are distinct and varied, Minnesotans who give through The Minneapolis Foundation value the proven stewardship, and personal and financial benefits a community foundation offers.

We connect individual donors with nonprofits working on the issues they care about most and provide opportunities for donors to become a part of broader efforts for positive change.

We help professional advisors enhance their financial and estate planning services with flexible charitable giving tools and strategies.



The Minneapolis Foundation manages a variety of charitable funds established by generous Minnesotans. Hundreds of donors are actively involved in grantmaking, supporting the causes they value most; other donors have established funds to address a specific issue; still others have left a legacy of flexible funding for The Minneapolis Foundation to distribute as community needs arise.

a local expert

Tools and services for Minnesota's professional advisors. Attorneys, financial planners, and accountants rely on The Minneapolis Foundation to help them deliver expert charitable planning services to their clients. The Minneapolis Foundation helps professional advisors approach the subject of philanthropy with their clients, recognize and seize opportunities for tax savings through charitable giving, and strengthen their client and community relationships.

In addition to providing responsive, personal service, we offer an extensive line of resources to assist professional advisors. Electronic newsletters, accredited continuing education, tax and legal updates, a gift calculator, and Planned Giving Answers On-line™ are part of our toolkit for advisors.

We help businesses, communities, and foundations articulate their philanthropic visions and attract and distribute the resources needed to realize their goals.

a smart alternative

Consulting services for strategic, effective, informed philanthropy. Sharing our expertise with the community is a critical element of our mission and a historic role of the Foundation. Through consulting services and funding partnerships, the Foundation helps promote and strengthen philanthropy throughout the region.

The Minneapolis Foundation helps family, corporate, and community foundations enhance their charitable impact. We offer customized assistance with mission clarification, fund development, community outreach, issue research, grant guidelines, and evaluation – supporting the full range of activities that comprise an effective and rewarding giving program. Our clients range from established family foundations to venture philanthropists, emerging community funds to major corporations.

We're proud to partner with a variety of organizations throughout the state to fulfill our mission and improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans.

Our **Funding Partners** share The Minneapolis Foundation's grantmaking guidelines and strategies: Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation; B.C. Gamble and P.W. Skogmo Fund; Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P. Public Foundation; North Star Fund; Piper Family Fund; and Wells Family Fund.

Metropolitan Philanthropy Partners include emerging community foundations and affinity groups. **Community Loan Technologies** provides loans, technical assistance, and training to strengthen Minnesota nonprofits. **Minnesota Meeting** brings the community together to examine pressing issues and help develop solutions.



a community leader

Bringing Minnesotans together to make a difference.

The Minneapolis Foundation has a history of challenging Minnesotans to view tough issues from a new perspective, to participate in collective campaigns for charity and social justice, and to recognize in one another a common spirit and responsibility.

We engage the community through events, public awareness campaigns, designated funds, and project initiatives. Over the years, we've helped the community address housing and homelessness; public education; racism and immigration; child health and safety; and other challenging issues.

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a committed partner

Long-term investment in Minnesota. As a community foundation, our grantmaking takes two major forms:

- supporting efforts to meet Minnesota's most pressing needs, and
- helping donors connect with the causes they care about.

Throughout our history as a grantmaker, our funding approach has evolved to meet changing community needs. Our core mission, however, has not varied. The Foundation's *Community* grants improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans, especially those who are disadvantaged. We address many of the region's most pressing challenges, such as affordable housing and education, improving systems and policies to serve the greatest number of people.

Through the *Connections* program, our grantmaking staff helps find matches between the work of Minnesota nonprofits and the varied charitable interests of Foundation donors.

Our support for nonprofits doesn't end with a check. We invest in the strength of the nonprofit sector. We support nonprofit efforts to collaborate and achieve financial stability. We also help raise awareness of the challenges Minnesota nonprofits confront in their work.

We manage an endowment created by generations of Minnesotans to benefit the community. The income supports long-range solutions to secure affordable housing, quality education, economic opportunity, and individual, family, and community health in Minnesota.



We believe that the well-being of each citizen is connected to that of every other and that the vitality of any community is determined by the quality of those relationships. Our purpose is to join with others to strengthen our community, in measurable and sustainable ways, for the benefit of all citizens, especially those who are disadvantaged. We are committed to be an effective resource developer and a responsible steward of those resources, an active grantmaker and convener addressing crucial community needs and a constructive catalyst for changing systems to better serve people.



Minnesotans Making a Difference

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