What if your philanthropy could provide for community needs not just during your lifetime, but forever?

Your permanently endowed fund at the Greater Washington Community Foundation is invested for long-term capital growth, while a portion of the fund is distributed annually to your philanthropic causes — continuing your rich tradition of charitable giving always.

The power of an endowment is in its continuity. Your gift is preserved in perpetuity, with the funds pooled for maximum benefit. Endowed gifts become a part of The Community Foundation’s permanent endowment, meaning they will benefit our community forever.

MEETING CHANGING NEEDS

Although the needs of our communities in the Greater Washington region will evolve, the importance of addressing those needs will remain constant. An endowed fund is a permanent resource that can adapt to changing circumstances.

As a safeguard to your charitable intentions, if the purpose you have named for your endowed fund becomes obsolete or incapable of fulfillment, The Community Foundation has the ability to redirect your endowed fund to another purpose as close as possible to your original intent.

TYPES OF ENDOwed FUNDS

Any type of fund at The Community Foundation may be endowed, extending your charitable purpose for generations to come. Here is a snapshot of how your endowed fund will be put to use by The Community Foundation:

- **Unrestricted**: To meet the most pressing needs of our community as those evolve over time.
- **Field of interest**: To support the broad philanthropic area you specify, such as education, the arts, or the environment.
- **Designated**: To support the organization you name, carrying on your annual giving even after your lifetime.
- **Donor-advised**: To name successors who will continue to make grants from your fund.
- **Scholarship**: To make annual scholarship awards in your name in perpetuity.

SPENDING RATE ASSURES STABILITY

A spending rate set by our board of trustees determines the amount to be distributed from endowment annually and ensures the stability of your endowed fund. Over the years, the rate of growth outpaces the spending rate, so that the endowment grows and, most important, the amount available each year for community needs grows as well.
ENDOWING YOUR FUND, CONTINUED

The annual spending rate is typically 5%, but, depending on market conditions, can range from 4.25% to 5.75% of the fund’s average total value over the previous 12 quarters.

PROJECTED GROWTH OF AN ENDOWED FUND

See how your initial investment can grow and do good, year after year.

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ANN MANHEIMER

Ann Manheimer’s legacy provides a way for people to prepare for service-oriented work that will meet future societal needs. Her inspiration grew from her career at the US Department of Education, volunteer work with seniors and animal rescue, and travel to places of both great natural beauty and stunning man-made art.

She told us, “I wish to leave a legacy that encourages future generations to give service to others using their talent and passions for animals, arts, and the environment so that others might enjoy long lives of joy and independence in a safe and lovely world.”

Ann has chosen The Community Foundation to carry out this sweeping vision with confidence that her wishes will be carefully carried out for generations to come.