



# Helping local organizations sustain and grow

## Designated Funds

### Sustaining the Causes You Love



Agriculture is a way of life in York County and it was John Smith's job to help it thrive, as head of the Penn State Extension Office in York.

John created a fund at YCCF after the death of his wife of 50 years, Paige. He decided that the John and Paige Smith Fund would provide annual grants to the causes and organizations that meant the most to them, forever.

John was involved with York County 4-H, which is why they chose the 4-H program as one of their grant beneficiaries. They are also preserving farm land for the next generation by supporting the Farm & Natural Lands Trust.

But overwhelmingly, the Smiths were dedicated to the York County Fair and York County Agricultural Society.

They saw the fair as a way to showcase the best of York County agriculture. Their annual grant enables the York County Agricultural Society to sustain this long-running York County tradition.

Paige died in 2002, and John passed away in 2012, yet their passion and dedication to York's agricultural community lives on forever thanks to their fund at YCCF.



**Establishing a Designated Fund** allows you to support the good work of a specific nonprofit agency or multiple specific organizations. Because it's given through York County Community Foundation, your gift provides the organization you select not only funding, but planned giving and investment management services and the power of endowment.

#### How it works

- You identify an organization that you wish to benefit.
- You make a gift to YCCF—you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- YCCF sets up a special fund in your name, your family's name, or in the name you choose.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Our board issues grants to the designated nonprofit organizations annually.
- We handle all the administrative details, including managing specific qualifications that you may establish for grant distributions.
- You receive annual fund statements.
- Your fund is an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs you care about. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.



## Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundation



### one

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

### two

Our professional program staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

### three

We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

### four

Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

### five

We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

### six

We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

### seven

We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

### eight

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

### nine

We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

### ten

We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

## More benefits

A Designated Fund provides you a wonderful way to give back to one or more specific organizations that have touched your life. Your gift provides more than just funding—your favorite organization will benefit from YCCF's investment stewardship and ability to manage endowment funds. Because YCCF handles the details, the nonprofit organization's staff is freed up to focus on its mission. And, the Community Foundation can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving, such as planned gifts or gifts of appreciated stock or real estate.

You can add to the fund at any time. If the organization you select ceases to exist or changes in mission, the fund will be redirected so that it continues to address your charitable intent.



*York County Community Foundation creates a vibrant York County by engaging donors, providing community leadership, and investing in high-impact initiatives while building endowment for future generations.*

*York County Community Foundation provides a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.*

*You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to intergrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact the Community Foundation.*

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