

Turning Passion into Purpose

The Greater Grand Island Community Foundation, incorporated in 1960, honors the legacy of community members through named funds and charitable grants.

Our donors are at the center of the Foundation's unique mission. These special individuals are to be commended for their continued generosity and support of our community. Donor gifts, no matter what size, are making an impact in our community.

The Greater Grand Island Community Foundation is a growing legacy, not of a single person, but of hundreds of individuals, families and businesses in our area. Like a single breath through a pinwheel, one person's love can spin into a legacy that leaves a better world for all.



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The mission of the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation is empowering people to turn their passion into purpose by creating legacies that strengthen the future of the communities we serve.

“It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people he may never meet.”

– David E. Trueblood

Empowering People



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Wills & Bequests

Creating Legacies

Benefits of working with GGICF

Giving through the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation is an effective way for donors to achieve their philanthropic goals.

Benefits include:

- Establishing one account to benefit multiple purposes
- Gifting assets that maximize tax benefits
- Distributing grants anywhere in the United States
- Guaranteed long-term adherence to donor wishes
- Family-based philanthropy services
- Earnings are added to accounts tax free
- Benefits of a private foundation without the added expenses and administrative burden
- Professional investment management of funds
- Record keeping convenience

The Greater Grand Island Community Foundation is here to help you accomplish your charitable goals.

Legacy Society Membership

Donors who include the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation in their will or estate plans, will be recognized as a distinguished member of our Legacy Society.

Planning your estate.

The process of estate planning includes many elements requiring careful decisions. One decision could be put rather bluntly as “who gets what.” What individuals shall be beneficiaries, of which property, and in what amounts? Also, will certain charitable organizations share in the distribution? These are highly personal issues requiring thoughtful consideration and occasional review as circumstances change.

The second element is more technical than personal. Having decided on the recipients or assets, what are the most efficient ways to make the transfer? It is at this point that the assistance of qualified professional advisors becomes invaluable.

The paradox of estate planning is that no one can do it for you, yet it is difficult to accomplish alone. It is important to start early, so you are able to create your legacy based on informed decisions.

For more information on ways to integrate charitable giving with a financial plan, ask your financial advisor or contact the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation at 308-381-7767 or email info@gicf.org

Tools and strategies for distributing your estate.

Most of us will spend the major part of a lifetime building our estates. In later years, we may become more interested in conserving what we have than accumulating more. When we consider the years and efforts expended in acquiring and preserving our estate, it makes good sense to give adequate attention to planning the eventual distribution of our assets.

Depending on the size and complexity of an estate and the variety of objectives to be achieved, your estate planning “team” can include an attorney, accountant, financial advisor and a gift planning officer who is there to help you accomplish your charitable goals.

Including the Foundation in your Will

Including a charitable bequest in your will is a simple way to make a lasting gift to your community. When you make this gift through the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation, we establish a special fund in your name that benefits the community forever and becomes your personal legacy. A will can be established at any point in your life and can be updated as often as you wish. It is possible to donate some or all of your assets to charity, tax-free, and leave a lasting legacy to your community.

“Being raised in a small town, in Loup City, and then living in Doniphan and Grand Island, we realize how important it is to support the community and do things for it, and be proud of where you live and where your home is.” – Donna Wanitschke