Giving Guide



Mission

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come.

Vision & Values

Our vision is to shape the future of Isabella County by:

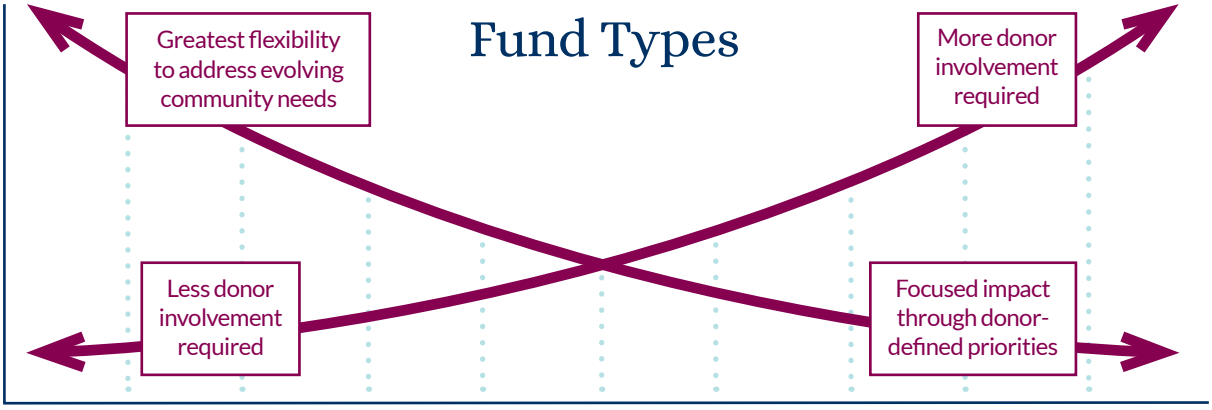
- Helping people find and fund the causes they love; and
- Cultivating bold solutions for strong, vibrant, and inclusive communities.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is committed to the following values as essential to our success. To our donors, stakeholders, and to one another, we make the following commitments:

- **Leadership and Integrity**
- **Stewardship**
- **Equity and Inclusion**
- **Knowledge and Impact**
- **Collaboration**
- **Innovation and Change**

Mt. Pleasant Area COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Endowed Fund Types



	COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND	FIELD OF INTEREST FUND	ORGANIZATION FUND *(Designated or Agency)*	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	DONOR ADVISED FUND
PURPOSE	Addresses ever changing needs of community	Targets specific area of community life	Benefits specific charitable organization	Benefits individual according to specific guidelines	Addresses charitable interests of founders
REQUIRED	$10,000 in 10 years	$10,000 in 10 years	$10,000 in 10 years	$50,000 in 5 years	$10,000 in 10 years
FEE	1% annually	1% annually	1% annually	2% annually	2% annually

How does the Community Foundation work?

ATTRACT
We bring in generous individuals, families, and businesses committed to giving back.

INVEST
We manage funds strategically to ensure long-term impact and sustainability.

BUILD
We grow permanent endowment funds that provide lasting community support.

GRANT
We distribute funding to local charities to address pressing needs and to students expanding their education.

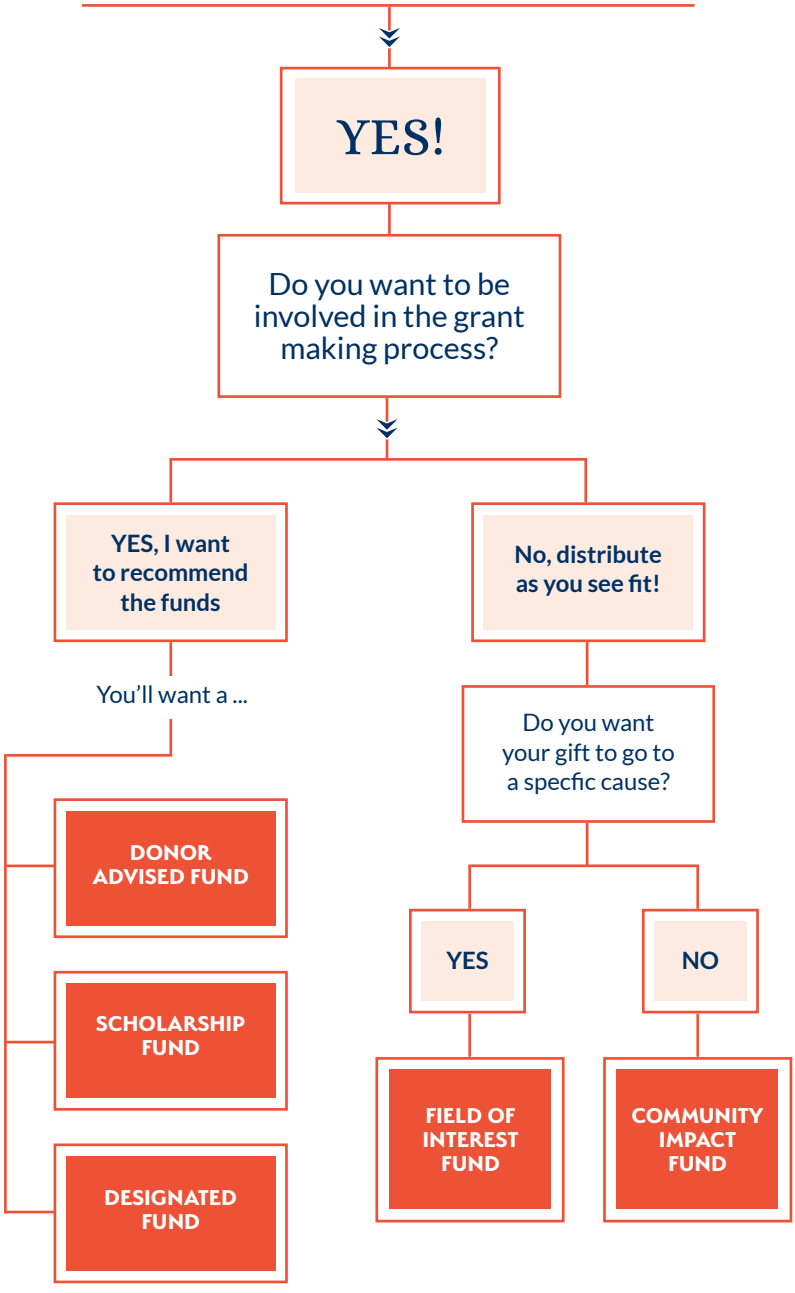
CONNECT
We serve as a hub for collaboration, leadership, and resource coordination.

Giving Process

Are you an ...

individual, family, company, family foundation or community group

that wants to give back to your community?



Five Reasons to Give

1. **Give with Confidence**
   Trust that your charitable dollars are invested wisely and directed where they will make a real difference.

2. **Give where it Matters Most**
   You don't have to navigate community needs alone. We help you make informed decisions that strengthen our community.

3. **Give with Greater Impact**
   Through matching funds, endowment growth, and thoughtful grantmaking, your gift can go further than you might on your own.

4. **Give with Simplicity**
   Whether you want to support a specific cause, involve your family, or just know your generosity is working, we make giving easy.

5. **Give for the Future**
   Create something lasting that supports our community not just today but for generations to come.

Ways to Give

to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

GIVE STRATEGICALLY

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you're 70½ or older, you can transfer up to $100,000 per year directly from your IRA—tax-free. Gifts can be made to most types of funds, including Community Impact and Scholarship Funds. QCDs cannot be used for Donor Advised Funds.

Gifts of Stock or Appreciated Assets

Donating long-term appreciated securities may allow you to avoid capital gains tax and qualify for a charitable deduction. We'll work with your financial advisor to facilitate a smooth transfer.

Gifts to a Specific Fund

Support the cause you care about by contributing to an existing fund—whether it's education, the environment, housing, health, or arts and culture.

Gifts to the Community Impact Fund

Your gift meets today's needs and tomorrow's challenges through flexible, local grantmaking.

Sponsorships & Administrative Support

Help sustain our operations by sponsoring events or contributing to our Administrative Fund. These gifts strengthen our ability to serve the community.

Make a Pledge

Pledges can be an easy way to make a larger donation to be paid off over time. Visit our website for our pledge form.

Charitable Remainder Trust

Provides income to you or a named beneficiary for life or a set period, then transfers the remaining assets to a fund you select or establish at the Community Foundation.

Charitable Lead Trust

Supports a fund you select or establish at the Community Foundation for a set period, then transfers the remaining assets to you or a named beneficiary.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Join the Denison Legacy Society by including the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. Your legacy gift will help ensure lasting impact in Isabella County, today and far into the future.

Named in honor of G.R. (Rollie) and Olga J. Denison, this society recognizes the couple's remarkable generosity and leadership.

The Denison Legacy Society exists to thank and celebrate those who have made planned gifts and to inspire others to follow their example. Members are recognized in Foundation publications and invited to special events, including periodic receptions held in their honor.

To join or learn more, contact the Community Foundation for a simple enrollment form and start building your lasting legacy today. Visit our website for our Denison Legacy Society form.

Questions? Contact us at info@mpacf.org or (989) 773-7322.

DENISON LEGACY SOCIETY

GIVE TODAY

Online
Donate quickly and securely at www.mpacf.org.

By Mail
Send a check payable to:
Mt. Pleasant Area
Community Foundation
PO Box 1283
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-1283

Special Giving Days
Support our community through a special giving day when we can provide matching fund opportunities to make your gift go further.

Recurring Gift
You can make a recurring gift online by selecting "Recurring Donation Amount". Select the amount and interval.