



Donor Fund Options



The Mississauga Foundation offers a number of ways to support our community's well-being with funds tailored to suit your giving interests. Some of these funds are "open" funds meaning anyone can add a gift of any size to help grow the fund for maximum benefit to our community as a whole.

MISSISSAUGA FUND

Comprised of donations of all sizes, a gift to the Mississauga Fund provides the greatest flexibility in responding to community needs and priorities. Donors can establish a named fund within the Mississauga Fund with a minimum gift of \$2,500.

DONOR DESIGNATED FUND

You can specify one or more charitable organizations to be the perpetual beneficiaries of the grants from your fund. Donors can establish a Donor Designated Fund with a gift of \$10,000.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

A Field of Interest Fund works much like the Mississauga Fund except that donors can identify an area of interest where they would like to target their support. Donors can establish a Field of Interest Fund with a gift of \$25,000.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

A Donor Advised Fund is an excellent option for donors are considering establishing a private foundation but are concerned about the set up costs and the ongoing administrative burden. Donors can establish a Donor Advised Fund with a gift of \$25,000.

CHARITY ENDOWED FUND

We can provide services and expertise to help charitable organizations establish their own Charity Endowed Fund. Registered charitable organizations can establish a Charity Endowed Fund with an initial investment of \$10,000.

FLOW-THROUGH FUND

A Flow Through Fund offers donors the granting services and community knowledge of the Foundation combined with the level of involvement in granting they would like. Flow Through Funds can also be fully granted out over a specified period of time. Please call us for more information.

EMERGING FUND

An Emerging Fund enables donors to establish a fund in any of the above categories with an initial donation and a pledge to meet one of the minimum donations levels within five years of the initial gift. Please call us for more information.

A strong and vital community that has the resources it needs to ensure quality of life for everyone - this is our vision for Mississauga. When you make a gift to the Mississauga Foundation, you join with people from all walks of life who share a common vision - the desire to make a powerful and positive difference in their community, forever.

Your gift will continue to grow and give year after year, because it is part of a permanent endowment that is professionally managed by a team of community leaders, foundation staff and investment advisors. Earnings from the endowment are used to seed new initiatives and support excellence in existing programs and services.

With a gift to the Foundation, you can choose to establish your own fund or contribute to an existing fund. Many donors create named funds, family funds or memorial funds. You can choose the cause or causes you wish to support in perpetuity or you can be involved in where the grants from your fund are directed on an ongoing basis. It's your choice. You can look to the Foundation to provide you with the tools and resources you might want so that your support is targeted for real and lasting impact.

You may have the capacity and desire to establish a fund with a significant donation, but there are also funds available for gifts of a more modest size too. You can also choose from a broad range of flexible giving options. We are knowledgeable about many ways donors can make a gift, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.

Through the Mississauga Foundation, perpetual philanthropy and a lasting legacy are available and accessible to all. We invite you to learn more by taking a moment to read more and then do call us. You can be part of helping to build a strong and vital future for our community.

OUR MISSION

Harnessing Generosity to Drive Transformational Change.

The Mississauga Foundation provides three core roles to serve the community. We :

- work with donors providing comprehensive and flexible services so they can build an endowment that will last in perpetuity,
- are a source of significant and sustainable funding for a broad range of programs and services in the community, and
- provide leadership in community convening and working to solve the root causes of existing and emergent issues.

Because we know the community, we help donors realize their philanthropic goals by providing expertise in charitable giving options.

Your gift can address the community issues you care most about, express your commitment to the community, or create a family legacy that will be remembered and appreciated by future generations. Your gift can be unrestricted to support the changing needs of our community or designated to a specific area of interest or charity. You can name your fund to acknowledge your personal philanthropy or name it to honour a family member or friend.

You can count on the Foundation to help you with your giving options including even the more complex ways of making a gift. Among the choices are cash, bequests, life insurance, securities, real estate and more. We can help you choose the kind of gift that best suits your situation.

Contact us today and we will be pleased to help you with more information.

ESTABLISHING A FUND

SIMPLE | FLEXIBLE | EFFICIENT

Now, more than ever, establishing a fund with the Mississauga Foundation is easy. With the types of giving options available, a named fund is also more accessible. There are a variety of ways you can choose to make a charitable gift and establish your fund. Here are a few :

GIFT OF CASH

This type of gift, made by cash, cheque or credit card, is available immediately to establish a fund and the tax receipt is available for the full amount of your gift. Donors can have the satisfaction of seeing the gift at work immediately.

PUBLICLY LISTED SECURITIES

This can be a simple option for donors who wish to make a significant gift and maximize their charitable tax benefits. Again, the gift can be put to work quickly. The tax receipt is issued at fair market value for assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund units or employee stock options. And making this kind of gift may be easier than you think with our simple on-line form.

LIFE INSURANCE

A gift through life insurance can be an excellent option for donors who may have a policy that they no longer need or for donors that wish to make a larger gift but who have limited resources. There are a variety of ways to make a gift of life insurance and this type of giving can be tailored to a donor's personal circumstances. Tax receipts are available depending on the structure of the gift.

BEQUEST BY WILL

Making a gift by bequest in a will allows the donor to know that they have provided for their philanthropic legacy while retaining control of the property during their lifetime. Donors can choose to bequest cash, securities, real estate or tangible personal property through their will. Many donors find that they enjoy establishing their fund during their lifetime and then adding to it with a bequest in their will.

OTHERS

Other gifting options include real estate, certain types of shares, bequests of retirement plan accumulations, outright gifts of tangible property and more. Some of these types of gifts may be considered more complex and donors may have additional questions about these types of giving.

We are as close as your phone to help you with any questions you may have. We also encourage you to speak with your professional advisor. A lawyer, accountant, investment advisor or estate planner can help you with your tax and estate planning. Talking with your family is also important particularly when thinking about bequest through your will. Many donors find involving their family in their philanthropy is inspiring and rewarding. We have some tools to help you with those conversations.

You trust you will find the Mississauga Foundation is your philanthropic resource.

TEN REASONS PEOPLE CHOOSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.
2. We bring donors to the table as community builders, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.
3. We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

4. We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and provide grants to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.
5. We provide highly personal and flexible service, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.
6. We build permanent funds and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.
7. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.
8. We believe that diversity is strength, so we bring the entire community together to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.
9. We are transparent and reputable stewards of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.
10. We build community vitality – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.

