



Interested in a GIVING CIRCLE?

Giving Circles are a form of shared giving and social investment networking – representing a growing trend in philanthropy as individuals want to have greater involvement and impact with their giving. They usually comprise a group of values-aligned people who have come together to combine their resources and decide where to donate it. Giving Circles vary in size and structure. They offer members a chance to learn more about giving, community issues and nonprofit organizations, work with others toward a common goal, share expertise, and increase the collective dollars going to selected causes.

How it Works:



Give

Together with a group of like-minded individuals, make an irrevocable contribution of \$10,000 to open a non-endowed fund.



Grow

Invest the fund using diversified pools managed by specialized investment managers trusted by the Foundation.



Connect

With fellow members, decide on an issue or service area to focus giving.



Grant

Recommend grants to nonprofits and make a collective difference.

Advantages

- Pool resources to support a common goal
- Foundation staff can connect you with nonprofits supporting the causes you care about
- Little to no administrative overhead
- Leverage resources, learn about community needs, and enhance impact
- Team approach to philanthropy
- Great way to honor or pass down cultural traditions of collective giving
- Many Giving Circles have a “give what you can” philosophy

Quick Facts

- Recommended minimum initial collective contribution balance of \$10,000*
- Membership starts with as few as two folks and can grow membership according to group-established priorities. Contribution amounts can vary, from \$10 to \$25,000 or more – Giving Circle organizers decide
- Each Giving Circle decides on an issue or focus area, process, and criteria for funding
- Funds can be invested in one or more of the Foundation’s investment portfolios
- Annual administrative fee of 1% of fund balance or a minimum of \$300 per year
- Access to fund via Donor Portal, and donations can be made online (minimum online contribution of \$100)
- Fund advisors recommend grants and they are processed through the Foundation

**Giving Circles with a balance of less than \$10,000 are considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with Foundation staff.*