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**We're experienced.** The Foundation was established in 1990 and now manages almost 900 funds that contribute to the betterment of our communities.

**We know our region.** Our staff is involved in the community, familiar with local nonprofits and their programs, and has an understanding of the critical needs facing our region.

**We're experts.** The Foundation is accredited by the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This certifies that CFA meets and exceeds federal and state law requirements in practice and by policy. It reflects CFA's commitment to accountability and excellence to its donors, its community, policymakers, and the public.

**We're flexible.** The Foundation offers personalized services, whether you want to give now or leave a legacy for future generations, and provides a variety of fund options to meet a variety of philanthropic goals.

**We offer a tax advantage.** As a public charity, CFA benefits from maximum tax deductions and other advantages not available to private foundations. Upon making a gift, each donor receives an immediate and maximum allowable tax deduction.

**We're forever.** Your gift will remain intact and the interest income will be distributed to support charitable causes important to you.

**We're for everyone.** The Foundation exists to empower all people to become philanthropists who have a permanent impact and leave a lasting legacy in our region.

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies recognizes that by partnering with hundreds of donors and working alongside local nonprofit organizations, we can help to address charitable community needs and make a meaningful impact to improve our communities. CFA works to maintain an accessible and personalized atmosphere for all donors—whether they contribute \$100 or \$100,000. CFA works directly with donors to help them achieve their individual charitable goals.

### Additional Benefits

1. Funds are listed in our annual report, website, social media, and in presentations to other organizations (unless anonymous).
2. All funds are included in our tax return (990).
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4. We are committed to making grants to organizations and causes you identify as your charitable priority.
5. We can perpetuate your gift, keeping it intact and distributing only interest income to your charities of choice.
6. We continue to carry out your distributions when you are no longer able, creating your legacy.

## Ten reasons to give through your community foundation

- 1** We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.
- 2** We have **broad expertise** on community issues and needs.
- 3** **Flexibility** – We partner with dozens of charities across Bedford, Cambria, Somerset, and Indiana counties. Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.
- 4** We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to your charitable and financial interests.
- 5** We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
- 6** We partner with your **financial advisor** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
- 7** We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under state and federal law.
- 8** We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
- 9** We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
- 10** We are a collaborative **community leader**, coordinating resources to create positive change.

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### FAST FACTS

Established in 1990, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies is one of over 800 community foundations in the United States today. We serve Bedford, Cambria, Indiana, and Somerset counties, offering people a variety of ways to touch our community through charitable giving.



**For more ideas on ways to integrate charitable giving into your financial and estate planning, contact us or reach out to your professional wealth advisor.**

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