

Endowments for Student Success at the Community Foundation

In communities across Charlevoix County, schools provide students with a nurturing place to learn and grow. In addition to engaging activities, challenging concepts, and valuable co-curricular experiences, schools are increasingly called upon to provide for basic needs and health. With dedicated school personnel as our partners, the Community Foundation can help donors remove barriers to learning and increase opportunities for students to thrive.

Purpose and Practice

Endowments for Student Success can be established to support students by removing barriers to learning, providing enrichment opportunities, and encouraging students to become successful community citizens.

How Endowments for Students Success Work

The Community Foundation partners with school leaders to offer strategic support to make a difference where tax support falls short. Our staff is in regular contact with pre-K through 12 educators who understand issues students, families, and schools are facing today. By gathering superintendents together annually, Community Foundation staff learn from these leaders and the leaders themselves benefit from building peer relationships. A grant will be provided to each school district once per year with the flexibility to put the dollars to best use as needs change over time. Schools are required to submit an application and report on the use of the funds so we can share about the positive impact of their efforts.

Options Available

- Gifts of all sizes can make a difference for local students by supporting Endowments for Student Success established for each school district in Charlevoix County.
- For a minimum of \$10,000, a donor can establish a named Endowment for Student Success that will provide resources annually to an area school district.

What's Next?

- Be in touch to set up a time to discuss what you hope to accomplish with your charitable gifts.
- If you choose to establish an endowment, finalize and sign a fund agreement, then make an initial gift.
- Learn from the Community Foundation how your charitable gift is being put to good use each year!

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