Introduction

The Starke County Community Foundation works with you to create the kind of gift that best reflects your charitable dreams and optimizes your tax benefits.

Our donors often remark on how easy it is to make a gift or create a fund. And your investment continues to grow, leaving a lasting impact on your community.

If you make a planned gift in an estate plan, you’ll join many others and become a member of Seeds for Tomorrow, the Legacy Society of the Community Foundation.

What’s your legacy?

Ways to Give

BEQUESTS
IRA ROLLOVERS
LIFE INSURANCE
RETAINED LIFE ESTATES
CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES
CHARITABLE TRUSTS
REAL ESTATE
APPRECIATED STOCK
GIFTS OF GRAIN OR LIVESTOCK

You can also request that gifts be made to a fund of the Foundation in lieu of flowers upon your death.
What’s Your Dream?

WE CAN HELP YOU PLAN.

Talk to us about your goals and the impact you want to leave behind. We will help you build a legacy with confidence.

PLANNING YOUR WILL

STEPS TO AN EFFECTIVE WILL OR LIVING TRUST

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL: HOW TO MEET YOUR CHARITABLE GOALS

BEQUESTS

FLEXIBLE GIVING AND YOUR WILL

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IMPACT OF PLANNED GIVING

A volunteer fire station and community center

ONE PERSON MADE A COUNTY SAFER AND STRONGER

In July 2015, Starke County opened the new Hamlet/Davis Township Fire Station and Community Center. Volunteer firefighters attended the ceremony in droves, thrilled to see the proud building standing tall as a sign of a stronger, safer future for their home.

This achievement was made possible thanks to a charitable lead trust set up by Jim Hardesty, which funded a large portion of the building’s construction to the tune of $25,000 a year for eight years. Jim was a lifelong farmer with a passion for Hamlet and the surrounding area, whose strategic giving allowed him to make a vast difference.

Hunting expeditions for people with special needs

COMPASSION AND VISION LED THE WAY TO A GROUP EFFORT

The Turkey Tracks Hunt is an annual hunt for people with special needs, who are in wheelchairs, or who have a terminal illness. It is a day of freedom and hope.

Eric Corey, an avid and accomplished hunter, was a very young man who passed away from ALS at 25. While ill, he went on hunting expeditions for people with special needs, and he wanted to offer the same opportunity to others in Starke County. Eric and his family asked that upon his passing, in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the SCCF to support Turkey Tracks Hunt. Those gifts were significant and helped to launch the organization.

A love for the land and alternative agriculture

WHY STARKE COUNTY KIDS KNOW WHERE THEIR FOOD COMES FROM

Kids who aren't afraid of the dirt. Who know the land and how to work it. Who understand where their food comes from. And who know exactly what to do with it once it's in their kitchen! Such a description would hardly fit any kids in America...except in Starke County.

That's thanks to the Robert ‘Boom Boom’ Baker Fund, which supports programs specializing in alternative agriculture or livestock production. The fund was built through gifts of appreciated stock, and grants from that fund have supported garden-to-table learning at the Starke County Youth Club...year after year.