



## HOW CAN I SUPPORT ECF?

We know philanthropy looks and feels different for everyone, so we meet our donors wherever they are in their giving journey. ECF offers a variety of ways to empower you to support your community, in partnership with ECF.

**We strive to make philanthropy accessible, meaningful, and powerful - For Now, Forever, and For Everyone.**

Please note that all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. *The Evanston Community Foundation is a 501c3, tax-exempt organization. Our federal tax id is 36-3466802.*

In all instances, please indicate the Fund you are gifting to and the organization you are associated with, if any.

We especially encourage you to support our Now! Fund *and* our Fund for Evanston.

The Now!Fund empowers ECF to serve the community now, and throughout the year, enabling us to make grants, bring new ideas to fruition, and mobilize money, people, ideas, and talent.

The Fund for Evanston is the Foundation's original, unrestricted endowment, established to provide for Evanston's vitality for years to come. By investing your gifts today, ECF is preparing for a brighter tomorrow for all in our community.

Learn about these funds and more [here](#). All gifts may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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\*Indicates a giving opportunity with unique tax advantages

## WAYS TO GIVE NOW

### CASH OR CHECK

Payable to: Evanston Community Foundation

**Memo:** Fund name to which you would like to direct your gift, and the organization you are associated with, if any. Please also include your name if granting a check from an externally held donor advised fund.

Mail to: 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 565, Evanston, IL 60201

### ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Visit [www.evanstonforever.org](http://www.evanstonforever.org). In the top right corner, select the Orange Give Now Button. To give to the Now!Fund, Click “donate”. To support a different fund, select “show all funds list”.

If your gift is part of a larger effort by your congregation, company or organization, please add a note in the 'Special Gift Instructions.’’

### MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

Create automatic monthly gifts online as an easy way to make a big impact all year long. To get started, make a credit card contribution (above), and select “Recurring Donation”.

### \*OPEN A DONOR ADVISED FUND

Establish a Donor Advised Fund and receive an immediate tax deduction, while taking time to decide when and where to grant support to your community, in partnership with the Foundation. Please [contact us](#) to get started.

### RECOMMEND A GRANT FROM A DONOR ADVISED FUND

Whether you hold a Donor Advised Fund at ECF or at another institution, we encourage you to recommend a grant to ECF. If your fund is held at ECF, you may use your Fund Portal to make the recommendation. If your fund is held externally, please follow the instructions for sending a Check, as seen above.

### GRANTMAKING PARTNERS

Use your Donor Advised Fund or Family Foundation to become a Grantmaking Partner. Our Grantmaking Partners fund grant proposals that are highly rated by a community-member-led grants committee. We listen to community so you can support your community knowing your dollars are going where it is needed most.

### WIRE TRANSFER CASH

Please [contact us](#) for a password protected [document](#) with further instruction.

### \*GIFT STOCK OR OTHER SECURITIES

A gift of appreciated securities enables you to make a difference and reduce your capital gains exposure. Please [contact us](#) for a password protected [document](#) with further instructions.

### **\*IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

If you are 70½ years old or older and have a taxable IRA, you may be able to take advantage of an easy way to benefit the [Evanston Community Foundation](#) and realize tax benefits in return.

By requesting a transfer of any amount up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to ECF, the transferred amount - known as a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") - is removed from your taxable income. QCDs may be especially advantageous if you do not itemize your deductions and would otherwise be limited to a \$600 deduction for charitable contributions in 2022.

Beginning in the year you turn 72, your qualified charitable distribution(s) may be used to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

### **CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS**

Your gift may be matched by your employer. Check here to see if your company has a matching gift program: [Employee Match Program: Charity Navigator](#).

### **CORPORATE PARTNER SPONSORSHIPS**

Partner with us and we will publicly and proudly lift up your support throughout 2023 and recognize you at our events, on social media, and in our newsletters. Please [contact us](#) to get started.

## **WAYS TO GIVE FOREVER**

### **PLANNED GIVING – [THE LEGACY SOCIETY](#)**

If you have named or would like to name ECF as a [beneficiary](#) of your will, trust, IRA, retirement plan, life insurance, commercial annuity, or other entity, please let us know so we may honor you in The Legacy Society. Your legacy will have an impact that thrives forever.

### **OPEN A FOREVER! FUND**

Establish an endowed fund to uplift ECF's mission forever and for everyone. For example, support a specific philanthropic interest or non-profit, or honor a loved one or honor a beloved family member or friend. Please [contact us](#) to learn more about the [power of endowment](#).