



FOUR WAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Build Your Legacy with a Five-year Pledge Fund

Donors may create a Pledge Fund with the Four Way Community Foundation and make annual gifts to build up to a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or Charitable Beneficiary Fund (CBF.) This is an excellent plan to introduce a family to the joys of planned charitable giving with annual donations that build a family giving pool for the future.

How it works:

A donor completes simple paperwork and then makes annual gifts towards either a Donor Advised Fund (\$15,000 minimum,) or an endowed Charitable Beneficiary Fund (\$25,000 minimum.) Each year for five years they contribute the minimum pledge, or more, until the threshold is reached. When the fund establishment level is met, the donor finalizes the fund agreement and the pledge fund converts into a completed fund.

One year after completion the fund is mature, and distributions may be made. Donors may continue to add pledges to build the principal for as long as they wish. Bequests may be added to the funds through a will or trust as well.

Please note that the IRS does not allow Qualified Charitable Distributions from retirement accounts to be directed to Donor Advised Funds, but they may be used to build Charitable Beneficiary Funds.

In the event that the Pledge Fund process is never completed and the threshold for a separate fund is not met, the accrued funds will become unrestricted gifts to the Four Way Community Foundation which will be used to meet its mission of promoting local philanthropy and nonprofit success in greater Josephine County, Oregon. Should the donor pass away before completing the pledge process, the Foundation will wait a grace period of one year to see if the pledge is completed by provisions made in the donor's will or trust before folding any pledges into the general fund.

Donor Advised Funds may have a secondary Advisor listed. This is an attractive option for intergenerational family legacies, allowing a donor's child or grandchild (over 18) to take over the fund in later years.

All pledge funds are permanent, irrevocable gifts, invested alongside the Foundation's other funds. Market downturns may result in the reduction of the fund, which may then take an additional time period, without penalty, to complete. Investment increases are returned to the fund to aid in its growth toward the pledge goal. A report on fund performance is provided to the donor annually.

A representative of the Four Way Community Foundation would be happy to meet with you confidentially to discuss your giving goals, and the different tools the Foundation offers to make it easy and enjoyable to keep wealth here in Josephine County in perpetuity.