



Professional Advisor Resources: QCD Giving Options

Help your clients make informed, inspired investments in our community

Have a client who wants to make a charitable gift with their required minimum distribution from their IRA? While your client **cannot** give their RMD to their donor advised fund, the Community Foundation has a variety of funds that **can** receive those assets and put them to work in our area in a meaningful, smart, and most importantly, impactful way. Our staff and fundholders work tirelessly to make the Augusta region stronger and these are just a few of the funds/efforts that give us the fuel for that work.

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

Love this area and want to make sure it has the support it needs to truly thrive? The Community Grants Fund supports a wide range of nonprofits in a six-county region who are addressing some of the most challenging and pressing needs of our community. More than 100 nonprofits apply to this rigorous process each year and are reviewed by over 140 community volunteers. About half of the applicants will receive up to \$15,000 to support their most impactful work. With your help, we can fund more of these outstanding organizations.

HARRISBURG LANEY WALKER FUND

In 2020, the Community Foundation joined a group of community leaders determined to go all in on growing our urban core so that its historic residents can find stable employment, affordable housing, food that heals rather than harms, quality affordable healthcare, and get the educational supports they need all along the way. The Harrisburg Laney Walker Fund supports our first major project, the HUB for Community Innovation and its nonprofit partners. Donations to the fund will be used to support the HUB as well as our ongoing revitalization efforts in the historic Harrisburg and Laney Walker neighborhoods, two of the most underserved communities in Augusta's urban core.

LITERACY INITIATIVE FUND

The Literacy Initiative Fund supports a program created by the Community Foundation that is designed to support literacy efforts in several of our lowest performing elementary schools in the Richmond County School System. Based on current research and in partnership with 9 local nonprofits, this effort funds in-school tutoring, wrap around services, after school care and learning, adult education, early childhood education programs, as well as emergency assistance for things like rent or utilities. All together, these supportive services address not only the educational achievement of the student, but many of the factors that keep a child from being prepared to learn. Now in its fifth year, the results of this program, based on third grade reading scores, are incredibly promising.

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Deep investigative journalism at the local level has become harder and harder for the newspaper industry to afford and many publications have created non-profit business models that can support this important work. The Aiken Communications Investigative Reporting Fund support the Aiken Standard’s public service and investigative journalism efforts in the CSRA.

ALL IN AUGUSTA FUND

This fund provides support for the Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau’s “All In Augusta” city-wide initiative which aims to enhance and accelerate community and tourism development. While it is led by the Augusta CVB, there are more than 50 local corporate and community leaders involved in the effort. There are three main objectives: to tell our story, enhance downtown development and develop new attractions.

FORCES UNITED FUND

For many years, Forces United led the community wide efforts to connect veterans to the resources they need to thrive. In 2023, the volunteer leaders of Forces United set up the Forces United Fund at the Community Foundation and passed the torch to us. Monies from this fund are granted to organizations in our area that provide services and support to anyone who raised their right hand in service to our country.

PRESS ON FUND

Press On was established to ensure that all children suffering from a pediatric cancer diagnosis and life altering treatments may continue to have options for today and for the future. This fund directly supports investments in medical research focused on novel and less toxic therapies for pediatric cancer.

Have Questions? We're Here to Help!



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