Who We Are

GTCF works with people committed to making Pierce County a vibrant place to live. Donors investing in their community has led to strong nonprofits, student scholarships, emerging leaders, economic opportunities, quality youth programming, thriving arts organizations, and a healthy Puget Sound.

“Making Connections”

Mission

Strengthening our community by fostering generosity and connecting people who care with causes that matter.

Vision

Pierce County is a thriving, engaged and caring community.

Values

Integrity | Leadership | Innovation | Collaboration

Donor-Advised Funds

A donor-advised fund is a charitable giving account created by an individual or family and used to support causes recommended by donors. Benefits of donor-advised funds include:

- Low cost
- No administration
- Privacy
- Leave a legacy
- Greater tax benefits
- Flexibility
- Greater tax benefits

Thompson Family Foundation Fund

In 2009, Cindy Thompson decided to sell the family business and establish a private foundation. After two years of managing the private foundation, she began to experience some of the drawbacks.

“In having a private foundation, I realized that there are compliance issues and requirements that have nothing to do with giving away money and supporting causes I believe in. With a donor-advised fund, I can still recommend where the grants go but don’t have to worry about the regulatory requirements. I get to focus on giving back.”

– Cindy Thompson, Fundholder

Unrestricted giving is an investment in Pierce County’s future.

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Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has served Pierce County for over 35 years.
Personalized Philanthropy

Whether you have a clear concept of what you hope to accomplish with your philanthropy or an idea that’s only beginning to take shape, GTCF can help you achieve your philanthropic goals.

By partnering with GTCF…
+ You receive prompt, personal service
+ You have many giving options
+ Your gift will be used wisely
+ Your gift will address current and emerging needs
+ Your gift will give forever
+ Your gift is secure

Working with Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is a personalized process. GTCF helps you create a giving strategy that will fulfill your charitable intentions.

Create a charitable fund
Provide grants to causes and organizations that matter most to you. One of the best ways to do this is by establishing a donor-advised fund.

Donate to an existing fund
From the environment to the arts, there are several funds that you can support at GTCF.

Donate to the community
Supporting GTCF directly brings together people, data, and resources to address pressing challenges and promising opportunities.

Make a planned gift
Planned gifts can be a bequest, charitable annuity, or remainder trust.

It reflects your core values
Establishing a charitable gift makes a statement about your values and inspires your friends and loved ones, further increasing your positive impact.

To learn about the types of funds you can establish at GTCF, please visit gtcf.org/giving.

Legacy Spotlight

Jim and Enid Harris came to Tacoma as newlyweds, not knowing anyone, and immediately immersed themselves into the community and their church. They became early pioneers of the Tacoma Art League, which became the Tacoma Art Museum.

Over the years they got involved with many other nonprofits and community organizations. Jim and Enid were active in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and they studied and made recommendations for the redevelopment of Tacoma. Throughout their lives, they have worked to impart one simple philosophy with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and that is: “what can be accomplished is unlimited if you don’t care who takes the credit.”

Jim and Enid Harris established a fund with the Community Foundation to continue the work of the AIA and their work in the community.

In 2002, June Veverka provided a charitable legacy for her husband that continues to make a difference today. Through her estate gift, the Earl W. Veverka Fund will continue to support Pierce County residents for generations to come. On average, the fund provides more than $31,000 in assistance each year that helps more than 100 seniors stay warm.

Donors to GTCF receive exceptional insights into the Pierce County region and discover opportunities to make a significant difference.

Fund Your Passion

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You can make this world a better place
When Pierce County residents include charitable gifts in their estate plans, our nonprofits are much stronger.

It’s a great way to give back and pay it forward
A charitable bequest is a wonderful way to give back to the community that gave you so much.

It’s an affordable way to give
Including a charitable gift in your estate plan is a simple way to support your favorite causes while not affecting your current financial security.

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Leave a Legacy

From simple bequests to complex estate plans to life income gifts, GTCF offers opportunities to make your mark by leaving a legacy.

Over the next 10 years, an estimated $14 billion will be available to transfer between generations in Pierce County. If just 10% was donated to create endowments, local nonprofits could receive more than $68 million each year, forever.

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