



Our Community Foundation.

Partnering with Northfield Shares, Our Community Foundation, to Achieve Philanthropic and Charitable Goals

How do I know if giving through Northfield Shares is right for me?

Here are seven questions to consider:

- Do you care deeply about your local community?
- Do you give to more than one charitable cause?
- Are you interested in creating a personal or family legacy in your community?
- Are you considering the creation of a private foundation, but are concerned about cost and administrative complexity?
- Would you like to stay personally involved in the use of your gift dollars?
- Do you want to receive maximum tax benefits under federal law for your charitable contributions?
- Do you place a priority on sound financial management of your contributions?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may benefit from knowing more about Northfield Shares, Our Community Foundation. We are ready to help you with your philanthropic goals.

How do I decide which type of fund to establish?

Deciding on the type of fund to establish depends on your personal and financial goals and interests.

- Do you prefer ongoing involvement in how grants are distributed, or do you prefer that our knowledgeable grant committee and staff make those decisions on your behalf?
- Are you passionate about a particular charity or a general cause? Knowing this can help to determine the right fund for you.

Our staff is available to work through fund options with you.

Which types of funds are available for my consideration?

Northfield Shares manages various fund types, created by donors to support the causes that are important to them. As a donor, you may contribute to any of these existing funds or establish one on your own, depending on your charitable goals. Our staff will assist in determining the best option for you.

How can I make my philanthropy more meaningful and strategic?

At Northfield Shares, we encourage your philanthropic efforts to be more than simply writing a check. We want to show you the impact your gift will have, by introducing you to the nonprofits and causes which meet your charitable goals and interests.

Can I name my fund?

Yes, you may! The fund name is completely up to you. Of course, our staff is available to offer suggestions, if needed. Many funds are named for the donor, the donor's family, or to memorialize someone. You may also remain anonymous if you choose. Many anonymous donors choose a fund name which reflects their interests, or something that is special to them.

Please contact Executive Director, Carrie Carroll, or any of the Northfield Shares staff at **(507) 403-9755** or info@northfieldshares.org. We look forward to assisting you!

