

Your Community Foundation





Start where you are.

Use what you have.

DD what you can.

— Arthur Ashe

What is a community foundation?

A community foundation builds and strengthens communities by:

- Making it possible for all levels of donors to create permanent funds to meet the present and future needs of our community.
- Serving as a catalyst for our community by providing collaborative and collective impact through philanthropy.



About Northfield Shares

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Northfield Shares is the only nonprofit organization in the area that is exclusively focused on establishing a long-range foundation of financial support for community vibrancy and vitality. We are Northfield's savings account.

Our Impact: Enhancing the Community

Over the past decade, Northfield Shares has averaged over \$250,000 in annual distributions back into the community, partnering with more than 60 unique nonprofit organizations, and supporting more than 200 projects and programs.

Our Mission

Northfield Shares seeks to sustain and transform the Northfield community by advancing philanthropy, inspiring volunteerism, and promoting collaborative leadership.

Our Vision

Northfield will be a prosperous and generous community fueled by engaged donors and volunteers.







The Power of Sharing

The purpose of Northfield Shares is to improve the livability of the Northfield community through philanthropy. We are a unique community foundation because we also recognize, honor and encourage volunteerism and the important role it plays in our town.

Northfield Shares believes that everyone can be a philanthropist at any stage of life. Everyone has something they can share to benefit others, whether that be their time, talents, financial resources, in-kind services, or other assets.

Helping You Make an Impact

We make it easy for donors to leave a lasting legacy by helping connect the passions and causes they care about with philanthropic opportunities that address key community objectives and solve local challenges.

Paying it Forward

A community foundation builds and strengthens communities by:

- Accepting contributions that are held in permanent endowment funds.
- Accepting and managing donor advised funds.
- Assisting with creating and managing scholarship and memorial funds.
- Providing investable asset management for area nonprofits so they can focus their energies on providing services and programs to enhance your community.

A gift to Northfield Shares offers the added benefit of positively impacting generations to come as your investment grows long after the original gift was given.





Ways to Share

SHARE YOUR time & talents

Research shows that people who volunteer or give on a regular basis are happier, healthier, and live longer. When you volunteer, you give back to your own community – you see and hear the direct benefits. Everyone has a gift that is worthy – entertain, teach, mentor, assist, enlighten, or enrich the lives of others by sharing your talents. Visit *northfieldershares.org/volunteer* to check out The Volunteer HUB and find or share opportunities to get active in the community.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

There are many ways to share your success through Northfield Shares. Partner with us to establish a donor-advised fund, legacy fund, designated fund, or contribute to an already existing fund. Funds can be structured to fit the donor's needs and desires. An annual gift goes directly to supporting our mission and builds a foundation for today and the future. Our Gift Acceptance Policy allows us to accept a wide range of gifts including cash, securities, real estate, and more. Work with your trusted advisor to determine what's best for you to meet your charitable intentions

ALWAYS SHARING THE BILL CLIFFORD FAMILY I FGACY FUND

Bill Clifford grew up in Northfield and was always an entrepreneur. He owned several Casey's stores in the area, started Waterford Oil, and always liked to help young people get started in life, serving as a mentor. When the private family foundation became cumbersome to manage, the Clifford children approached Northfield Shares, your community foundation, and initiated The Bill Clifford Family Legacy Fund.

The fund has been, and will continue to be, held and managed with annual grant distributions for generations to come. These grants will honor Bill's passion in helping Northfield area youth develop and "get started."

SHARE YOUR legacy (land)

Consider designating a small percentage of your land or home sale. If you love the community you call home, this is your opportunity to enrich its future. When you leave just a small percentage of your wealth to your community, you help ensure your family's legacy and your community's future.

SHARE YOUR legacy (life's work)

Make a legacy gift to honor your life or the life of someone else. A legacy gift ensures that your generous spirit and philanthropic interests live on for all time. These gifts are never spent, but are invested to grow over time, giving your gift the power to impact the community forever.

When you establish a fund with Northfield Shares, you can be assured that:

- Your gift will be managed professionally and monitored by Northfield Shares.
- Your gift will be working for Northfield in perpetuity.
- Your goals for your fund will be honored, even after your death.
- Your generosity and care for your community will be remembered through your legacy.
- Northfield dollars will be invested in Northfield for Northfield.

When you give alongside others, there is more power in your gift than simply giving as an individual.



Questions about Northfield Shares, volunteerism, creating a fund, or contributing your resources? *Get in touch today!*

Partnering with Area Nonprofits

Are you involved with or know of a Northfield area nonprofit? We help our nonprofit community partners by:

- Recognizing and supporting your organization.
- Providing grant funding from existing funds.
- Managing and growing your investable assets, allowing nonprofits to focus on delivering their respective missions.
- Matching nonprofit needs with donor intent and wishes.
- Promoting collaborative solutions.
- Promoting and encouraging volunteer recruitment with the complimentary Volunteer HUB.





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