# Next Steps

We have ideas, resources and great stories to inspire your journey:

**Creative planning** Our team will use its expertise and deep community involvement to help you chart the best course for your philanthropy — including when and how to give effectively

**Focused research** Once you have defined your charitable goals, we can help you find nonprofits and projects that align with your values and interests

**Careful execution** We will help you keep up with topics, nonprofits and giving opportunities that align with your core values and strong interests, as well as important tax implications related to giving

**Thorough follow-up** Our relationship managers are always here to advise, support and provide research on your giving strategy. We will keep you in the loop about how your favorite projects are advancing

Our suite of resources is designed to inspire and guide your charitable giving journey:

**Exercises** designed to help you identify your values, find a core focus of your interests and create a charitable mission statement

**Videos** to help you learn about giving on topics from donor stories and community initiatives to our own Nonprofits to Know™ videos about nonprofits doing great work in Minnesota

**Tools** to help you sort out your giving goals, including interests and values cards that make refining your thoughts on giving a fun and interactive experience

**Online** links to guide you to resources, such as TED Talks about philanthropy, blog posts, news articles and other materials to inform your charitable giving

Staff experts to support and guide you on your philanthropic journey



### Are you ready to get started?

Contact our Philanthropic Services team to schedule a meeting, start the conversation and access customized tools and resources to get you started. Our team is available by phone or in person.

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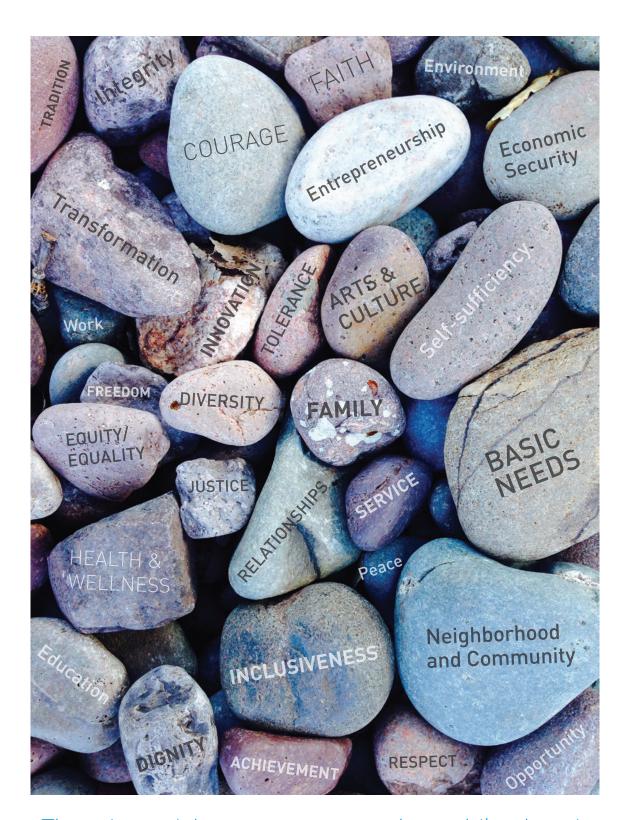


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your GOAL...your GIFT





There is no right or wrong way to be a philanthropist

— there is only *your* way.

## Your Gift Can Make a Difference

Charitable instinct is at the heart of the human experience. Helping others, solving problems and improving our communities are aspirations most of us share. For many of us, though, turning our helping instinct into real-life action can seem daunting.

#### We are here to help

At The Saint Paul & Minnesota Community Foundations, we have the experience and community connections to help you become the philanthropist you want to be.

We can help you discover the sweet spot where your best intentions meet the world's need — turning your charitable instinct into meaningful action in our community and beyond.

#### We can help you identify:

- 1. Your deepest values what you believe is important in life
- 2. Your strongest interests the issues and ideas that energize and engage you
- 3. Your charitable vision defining how you want to make a difference
- 4. Your family's philanthropic goals where your values and interests lead you to give collectively
- 5. The impact of your giving and how to evaluate it
- 6. Your legacy how your giving will live on

This toolkit is designed to jump-start your thinking, fire your imagination and help you enjoy and embrace your philanthropic journey. We are here to assist with every part of that journey.

## Our goal is to help you become the philanthropist you want to be.

#### Resources to inspire you

#### **BLOG POST**

How You Can Be a More Effective Donor by Bill Gates

#### **BOOKS**

Inspired Philanthropy: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Creating a Giving Plan and Leaving a Legacy by Tracy Gary

Give Smart: Philanthropy that Gets Results by Thomas J. Tierney and Joel L. Fleishman

Giving 2.0: Transform Your Giving and Our World by Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen

Call your relationship manager for more information about these and other resources.