

*Ten Reasons People Choose to
Give through the Community
Foundation of Ellis*

One

We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

Two

Our Board of Trustees has broad expertise with community issues and needs.

Three

We provide highly personalized service for each person's charitable interests.

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Donors invest in the causes they care most about.

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We can accept a wide variety of assets from cash to property.

Six

We partner with professional advisors to maximize the benefits of charitable giving.

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We offer maximum tax advantages for most gifts under federal and state laws.

Eight

We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We can build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

Ten

We are a community leader, gathering and coordinating resources to create positive change.

*Live Beyond...
...Your Years.*

Statistics suggest more than half of all American adults do not have a will or any type of formal estate plan. This is as equally true for multi-millionaires as it is for those with less means. An estate plan costs so little to make. There is really no good reason not to have one.

One of the best motivators for making a will is a desire to help your favorite charitable cause. With just a few words, you can take care of your family, your friends and the causes that are important to you. By doing this, you ensure a legacy so your passion for good work continues well beyond your lifetime. Call or click for more information.

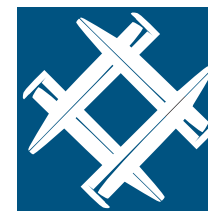
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF
Ellis

What is a Community Foundation?

Community Foundations make up one of the fastest growing areas of philanthropy in the United States. They build and strengthen communities by making it possible for donors at all levels to create funds for many community based needs. Through gifts from donors who have a vision for the future, Community Foundations have become catalysts for growth and improvement. They truly make a difference.

How does our Community Foundation bring value to Ellis?

It's called "Simple Math."

1. Raise one dollar locally
2. Take that dollar, and in some cases, seek four dollars from outside the area

Example: A community decides to raise money for a new community building that will cost \$200,000. Without a Foundation, the project needs to collect all \$200,000 from local donations and fund raisers. If this project was run through the Foundation, the project raises roughly \$50,000 locally and can now seek grants from regional and national foundations to raise the remaining balance of \$150,000. This does two things for the community: 1) the project is completed much faster; 2) the project has just brought \$150,000 into the area from outside sources allowing the wealth of the community to spread.



Foundation Successes

-The Community Foundation of Ellis has awarded grants to local organizations over the past 4 years. Those receiving funds include: Fifth Quarter, Ellis Fire Department, Ellis Railroad Museum, Ellis Softball & Baseball Assoc. and the Kid's Club.

-In 2010, through efforts of the Foundation, a code audit was completed for the City of Ellis as a part of a national program called Smart Growth. A walk- thru of downtown Ellis by an expert on small town development provided valuable direction for improvements and small business growth.

-A survey was completed by the majority of Ellis residents and the top priority was the need for a larger and updated hall to hold functions such as weddings, alumni banquets, family reunions, and other local events. The Foundation researched possible sites that would best suit the needs for the building, and property for the center was purchased in 2010.



What is the Community Foundation of Ellis?

We are a non-profit, 501(c) (3) public foundation, established in 2004, dedicated to preserving wealth by assisting donors in building a permanent pool of assets for the people, organizations, and the causes in the Ellis area. The Foundation is governed by a local board of trustees with a passion for keeping Ellis an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

Our Mission

The mission of the Community Foundation of Ellis is to enhance the quality of life in Ellis and the surrounding area.

Who can be a donor?

Whether you are an individual, nonprofit organization, or corporation, there is a fund that will fit your needs as a donor. Donations of any amount can be made -small or large- and will have a positive impact on your community.

Fund Types

- Unrestricted
- Endowment
- Designated
- Field of Interest
- Scholarships
- Donor Advised

Who does the Community Foundation of Ellis serve?

The area we serve includes anyone who resides within the Ellis school district or whose children attend USD 388.