



CICF PERSONAL FOUNDATIONS: A SMARTER WAY TO GIVE

Powerful, transformative philanthropy – the kind that changes lives – requires thoughtful, strategic thinking, deliberate planning and execution. And that requires knowledge, expertise and research plus the administrative oversight necessary to satisfy a myriad of legal and financial responsibilities. If all that sounds complicated, time consuming and expensive to do on your own, that’s because it can be.

Which is why CICF’s personal foundations make so much sense

SIMPLE, EASY, POWERFUL AND SMART

Easy to set up and even easier to use, CICF’s Personal Foundations offer an organized and affordable approach to charitable giving that matches your philanthropic passions with CICF’s highly-skilled staff to create the kind of transformational giving *you* want. The kind of giving that changes lives – including your own.

CICF offers two types of Personal Foundations: The Giving Foundation, available with an initial investment of \$25,000 and The Premier Foundation, available with a investment of \$500,000.

Foundation experts suggest a minimum investment of \$10 million is necessary to create the endowment and administrative support needed for a successful private foundation. CICF’s Giving Foundation and Premier Foundation provide donors with all of the services available from a private foundation — and more — with significant cost benefits.

Cover: This beautiful greenway is an Inspiring Place for a mother and son to enjoy.

Opposite: A sign on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick, a world-class, eight-mile pedestrian and bicycle urban trail.

CICF’s Personal Foundations are categorized by the Internal Revenue Services as a donor-advised fund in the tax code. Donor-advised funds must be administrated and “sponsored” by a public 501(c)(3) charitable organization and therefore receive public charitable benefits versus those of a private charity.

ALL PERSONAL FOUNDATIONS RECEIVE

- Time- and money-saving back-office administration and support from CICF staff. Our professional support lets you enjoy your philanthropy even more by eliminating the need for your involvement in these important – but tedious – tasks.
- The opportunity for you to name your foundation as you choose.
- Online access to your foundation’s records for easy evaluation, history and grantmaking that’s available when you want it.
- True privacy. Sensitive information about private foundations – including ownership, distributions and investments – is readily available to anyone via *public* IRS 990 forms and are easily accessed via the Internet. CICF does not disclose any information about its donors unless specifically authorized by those donors, and information about them is not available via our 990 or any other forms.
- Assigned Philanthropic Advisors skilled at working in tandem with our expert Grants staff and your other associated advisors – including attorneys, CPAs and financial planners.
- Access to the investment power of our large charitable pool, which has historically yielded higher returns.

Right: Two members of Y-Press, a youth media organization promoting the work of young journalists, at the Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center

Opposite: A young father and daughter at the Fathers and Families Center, whose goal is to help young fathers become responsible and involved parents, wage earners, and providers of child support.



PREMIER FOUNDATION FEATURES

With CICF’s Premier Foundation, you’ll receive our highest level of charitable advising and support, including unparalleled research and community knowledge, back-office services and expertise, and family engagement plus the personal attention you expect from a fully-staffed private foundation – all at a substantially more affordable cost.

In addition to the features and services offered to Giving Foundation holders, Premier Foundation holders receive valuable wrap-around services focused specifically on your needs:

SENIOR LEVEL PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS / Your foundation will be assigned one of our most-experienced advisors, ensuring the professional attention, development, planning and advice you need to execute a philanthropic plan that meets your charitable passions.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLANNING / CICF is widely acknowledged for our ability to help families work together, find the clarity necessary for developing a charitable plan and create a philanthropic legacy that involves multiple generations.

Your Foundation’s Philanthropic Advisor can facilitate family meetings and help your family discuss the sometimes-challenging topics of philanthropy and legacy with purpose and direction, then create a charitable plan based on inclusion, collaboration, values and mutual respect.

EARLY-STAGE ACCESS TO CICF-LED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS / You’ll have strategic opportunities to participate in groundbreaking initiatives created to improve central Indiana. Past examples include The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick, Coxhall Gardens in Hamilton County, Grameen Bank Indianapolis, Center for Working Families and other related community leadership initiatives.

OUTSIDE INVESTMENT OPTIONS / Your Premier Foundation will have multiple investment options, including the option of financial managers that you wish to work with or where your other assets are invested.

IS A CICF PERSONAL FOUNDATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

Good question...you should consider a CICF Personal Foundation if you:

- Want to organize and enhance your charitable giving
- Could benefit from a professional partner with a staff of experts in philanthropy and the not-for-profit sector
- Wish your giving was more effective and made a bigger difference
- Want to engage your family in your philanthropy and pass on your beliefs, values and opportunities to the upcoming generations
- Need anonymity and/or someone to help manage recognition and gift strategies
- Want to learn alongside other donors about our community's needs and opportunities.

To find out more, contact one of CICF's Personal Foundation Advisors at 317.634.2423, or send us a note at personalfoundations@cicf.org. We're ready to help you create change through your giving – and be changed by it, too.

Right: The Central Canal Tow Path near Butler University's Holcomb Gardens.

Opposite: 37 Place, a new community center concept featuring neighbor-led services in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood.

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