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Generous Returns For Generous Giving

The power of endowment

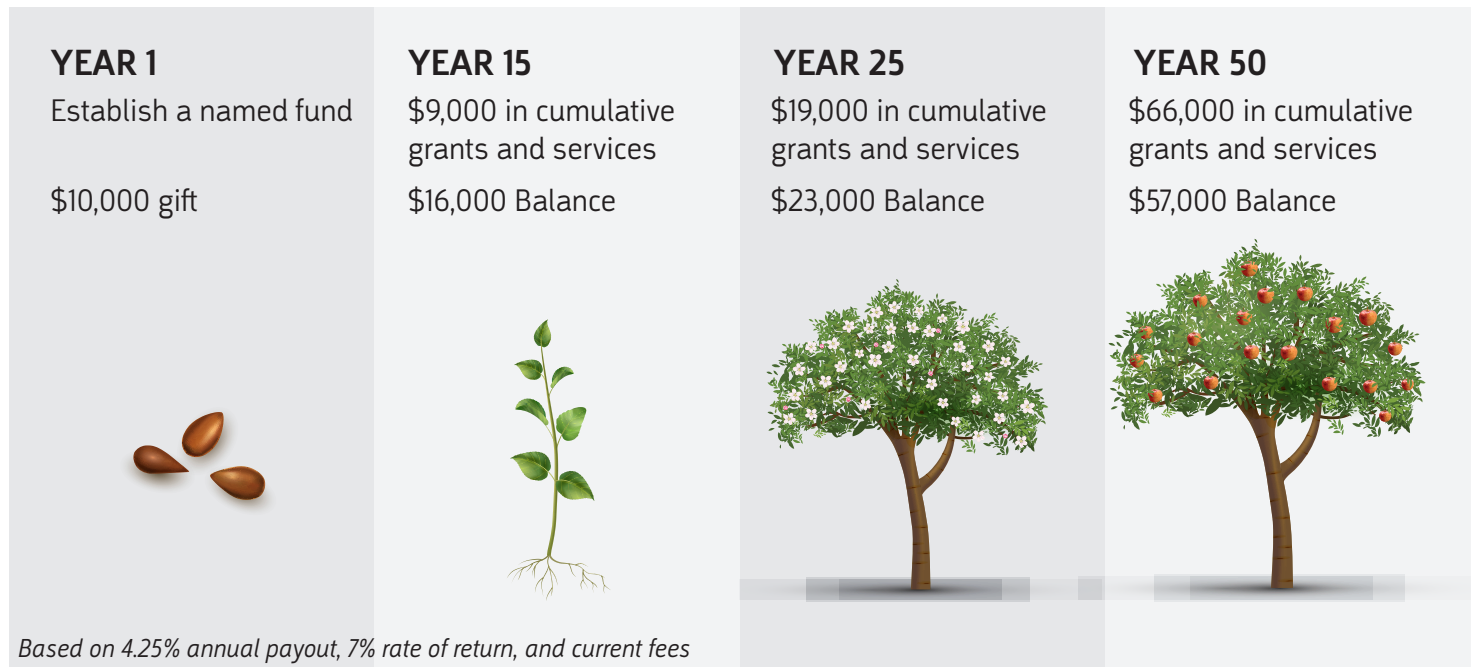
"Whether you have a pot of money or you can only give a little bit, you can make a difference. I've seen it first-hand at Camp Courageous. We began serving campers with special needs back in 1974 with 211 campers, five buildings and a staff of 12. Now we serve more than 10,000 campers. By hosting our endowment fund, the Community Foundation has been our partner in that growth. Our fund grows in perpetuity and will pay out every year, forever, for the benefit of many people."

Long after I'm gone from Camp Courageous and long after I'm gone from this earth, my donations will be doing good for a lot of people. That's the power of endowment, and it's very important to me. Endowment is a cornerstone of the Community Foundation's work and major reason why the Foundation can help strengthen the region long into the future."

The Power of Endowment

When you start or give to an endowment fund, your gift will have a sustained impact on your community for years to come. Gifts to endowment funds are invested and grow in perpetuity, creating a base of financial support for local organizations and causes. Each year, these funds pay out a percentage of dollars that can be invested in the community in the form of grants for local programs or organizations.

This chart offers an example of how an actual Community Foundation endowment fund was formed, grew and paid out over 50 years. You can choose to start your fund either with a single large gift or multiple gifts raised during a campaign.



Endow Iowa

When you make an endowed gift to the Community Foundation or any of its funds, it will cost you far less thanks to Iowa's generous Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit. For example, after the state tax credit and federal tax deduction, a \$10,000 gift will cost an individual or couple in the 35% tax bracket just \$4,875. Returns like that are hard to find.

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