



GREATER MORGANTOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

Your Community Foundation

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## **Lead by example.**

Contributing to the Greater Morgantown Community Trust is a flexible and an imaginative way to give something back to your community and ensure: permanence, flexibility, significance and tax advantages. GMCT works to stay in tune with the needs of our area and to build a sense of community. It is such a spirit that attracts other organizations into partnership with it; and in doing so, the charitable effort becomes more efficient and powerful.

## **Strengthen Morgantown, our region and West Virginia.**

GMCT provides a method to keep the wealth and assets of our great community here - in our community. Your contributions, large or small, stay in our area. They help the family down the block, the community center, museum or theatre you pass every day, and many of the places where you and your family live, grow, work, and play. Our Community Foundation will serve as a philanthropic leader in our area and in West Virginia, by providing resources and asset development for future planning and growth.



## **Make a Difference in the Lives that Follow.**

Your gift is managed as an endowment, a permanent fund in which the principal remains untouched, and only the interest is used for grants if that is your desire. These grants are distributed to qualified projects throughout area aimed at solving community problems or enhancing the quality of life for all our residents. Your gift continues to grow, creating an ongoing legacy for the future. Your gift may be combined with others to meet a greater challenge, establish a new organization, or provide funds for community emergencies.

Whether you consider yourself rich or poor or somewhere in between, your gift can have a big impact over time. And by including a charitable gift in your will or estate plan, you can continue to provide for your favorite organization forever.



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## Key Facts



- GMCT was established in 2001 by a committee of local leaders seeking a means to accomplish large community projects and a vehicle for investing in the future of the greater Morgantown area.
- Since then, over 85 individuals, families, businesses, and community groups have established funds at our Community Foundation. Grants made from these funds support a wide range projects and organizations that are making Morgantown a great place to live and work.
- GMCT works with local elected leaders to make lasting physical improvements such as Dorsey's Knob Park and the new University High School Athletic Complex.
- Since its inception, GMCT has provided more than \$1 million in funding locally to the arts and individual artists, to festivals, to our library, museum, and parks, to recreational and WVU sports, and to our local students.
- Our Community Foundation is governed by a seventeen-member board of directors representing business, government, health, education and legal professions.
- GMCT currently holds assets over \$5 million and operates a physical facility at 111 High Street that houses local and state-wide non-profit organizations.



## Ways to Get Involved

You can give cash, securities, or deferred gifts which can:

- Remain undesignated to address the most pressing local needs
- Establish a permanent tribute in the name of your family, friend, or loved one.
- Support one or more special causes or non-profit organizations that you think are doing a great job.
- Provide scholarships for area youth.

The Greater Morgantown Community Trust can help you develop a powerful, cost-effective, and highly personal approach to your charitable giving. When you partner with us, you can:

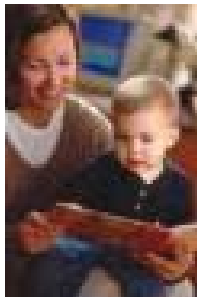
- simply and effectively support the groups and issues you care about, in Morgantown or outside our region.
- develop a giving strategy that meets your particular needs
- give a wide variety of assets
- create a donor-advised fund, which enables you to contribute charitable assets and recommend grants any time you want
- make charitable giving a part of your estate plans
- benefit from the most favorable tax deductions available under IRS regulations
- learn more about the issues and nonprofit groups that interest you
- eliminate administrative chores and expenses

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## Featured Funds



Elizabeth Poe believes that a little encouragement can go a long way. Through GMCT's **Books for Babies Fund** new Moms are provided the first encouragement to bond with and read to their children.

Dr. Leo Kotchek served Preston County as a beloved country veterinarian for 55 years. He loved his adopted home and appreciated the needs of the Preston community. Lillian, his widow, provided memorial funds to establish the **Dr. Leo Kotchek Memorial Scholarship** to ensure that the State of West Virginia would be served by young veterinarians who also recognized that need.



The **Empty Bowls Monongalia Fund** was established with a simple goal, feed the local hungry. In 2007 a chapter of this national organization was formed, selecting GMCT as a local partner. Ceramic bowls were donated by Morgantown artists. A simple meal was provided to the donors who received the complimentary bowls as a reminder of the need and a thank you for their participation. In the inaugural year more than \$10,000 was distributed through GMCT.

**Other GMCT funds represent the passions of more than 80 individuals, families and organizations in the greater Morgantown area.**

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