

Fayette Community Foundation

2022 Annual
Impact Report

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Fayette Community Foundation is to build stronger, safer, and more vibrant communities by providing a bridge that connects caring philanthropists to those in need.



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A WORD FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

A bridge transports from one point to another. That bridge can be long or short, curvy or straight, over a dry creek or a rushing river.

Similarly the Fayette Community Foundation connects donors to causes and passion to action. While the road may vary in distance or direction, the destination is always the same: difference. That difference can be made in education, health, recreation, art, housing, workforce, basic needs, or anything your heart desires.

The Fayette Community Foundation serves as a bridge helping donors and nonprofits alike navigate their philanthropic roads- connecting their gifts to make a difference in our region.

“Please join me in supporting the Fayette Community Foundation.
Study the numbers, plot your course and let’s all cross that bridge.”



Cathy Small Horn
President

INVESTING IN TODAY'S FUTURE



66 My friends and I are incredibly blessed to have one another. When we decided to give back to the community that brought us together, we were fortunate to have the Fayette Community Foundation to guide us. They were able to grant us the resources we needed and the authenticity we desired. 99

Bryce Moerbe | Sampuesana 7 Scholarship Fund

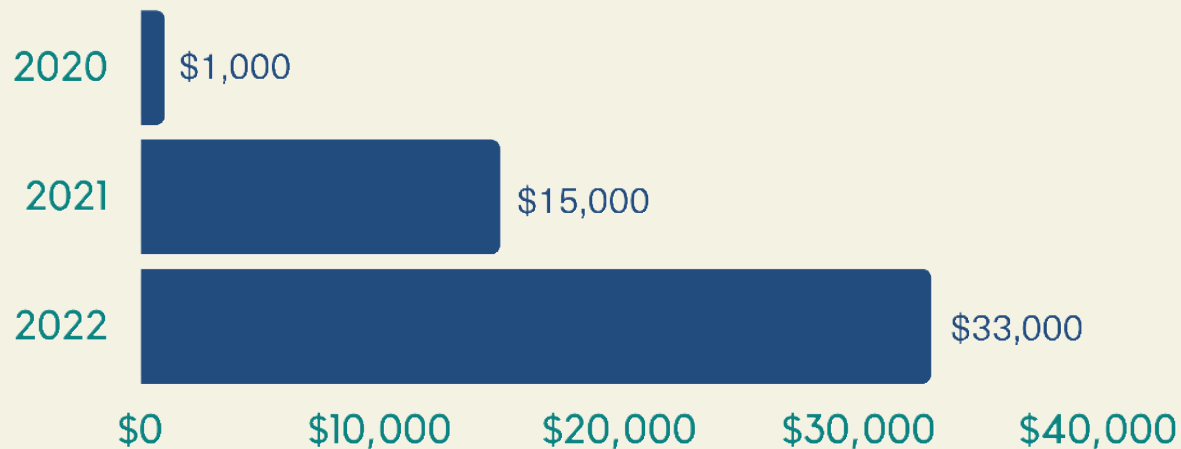
The Fayette Community Foundation is proud to assist in the continuing education of local students in our rural region.

\$33,000

Total amount of Scholarship Funds administered in 2022

18

Total number of scholarship recipients in 2022



Growth of Scholarship Funds administered



Joe and Carolyn Bailey established a scholarship fund with the Fayette Community Foundation in 2021 to help first-generation students graduating from Flatonia High School (FHS) to further pursue opportunities in higher education and trade schools. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have goals for the scholars to be successful in their respective careers with the hope they will return to help other FHS graduates in the future. Since its inception, this Fund has awarded a renewable \$2500 scholarship to four FHS graduating seniors each year, following them through their education. A third cohort will be awarded in 2023 from the Joe & Carolyn Bailey Scholarship.

“Words cannot express how grateful I am for this couple and how they have helped my family and me,” said Julie Ramirez, a 2021 Bailey Scholarship recipient, “This scholarship has helped ease the stress of helping me take care of my tuition and allowed my parents to focus more on the things they



needed to take care of at that moment. Once again, I want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey very much for all they have done for my family and the other scholarship recipients. You have definitely made a huge impact on us!”

In deciding how to manage the scholarship program, Mr. Bailey said, “We chose the Fayette Community Foundation because of the 501(c)(3) status, because their scholarship committee will select scholars based on criteria that we specified, and because FCF manages all administration including the funding of and monitoring the progress of each recipient.”

If you are interested in making an impact by setting up a scholarship fund with the Fayette Community Foundation, please contact Ashleigh Parks, Community Impact Program Director, at info@faycofoundation.com.

66 **We decided to create our Scholarship Fund for first-generation students at Flatonia High School to help them further pursue their opportunities in higher education and trade schools, and hope that as they are successful in their respective careers, they will in turn help other FHS graduates in the future.** 99



66 Fayette County Community Theatre has been able to connect with our nonprofit colleagues at the monthly Rural Nonprofit Networking Group meetings. We always come away from these meetings with new nuggets of information that will make our organizations more successful. We love having the opportunity to connect with one another to see who needs what and how we can help! 99

Heather Barthelme | Fayette County Community Theatre

YOUR HOME FOR NONPROFIT SUPPORT

RURAL NONPROFIT NETWORKING GROUP

The Rural Nonprofit Networking Group (RNNG), a program of the Fayette Community Foundation, provides opportunities for the nonprofit organizations in our rural communities to share their missions and visions, discuss community needs and partnership opportunities, bring in experts to facilitate growth and professionalism, and simply connect to maximize the efficiency and impact that participants can bring to the surrounding counties.

All across our rural region, local community members lead various nonprofit organizations which provide a diversity of social services. Convening with each other to share knowledge and resources not only strengthens the public sector but also enhances the communities we call home.

The Fayette Community Foundation is devoted to supporting the economic security and advancement of these nonprofit organizations in our rural region. RNNG convenes an average of 25 nonprofit leaders monthly to assess community needs and determine future

opportunities for local nonprofits to learn from each other, support each other, and collaborate together. The goal of RNNG is to leverage the assets, resilience, and strength of our local nonprofits which further invests in social services and public collaboration solutions. Funded with community contributions, all nonprofits are invited to participate in these free monthly meetings no matter the size, paid or volunteer staff, or area of service.

In 2022, 10 educational meetings were held throughout Fayette County and surrounding areas. Sixty total organizations attended and over 100 total attendees. In June, the Fayette Community Foundation hosted a summer social at Rohan Meadery to allow our rural nonprofits to celebrate one another.

If your organization is interested in attending the monthly meetings, follow the Rural Nonprofit Networking Group page on Facebook to stay up to date.



SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

On November 4, 2022, 166 nonprofit representatives and funders from across Texas gathered at Blinn College in Schulenburg, TX for the inaugural Rural Philanthropy Day hosted by the Fayette Community Foundation and the Stanzel Family Foundation.

Rural Philanthropy Day (RPD), a one-of-a-kind professional development event, was designed to build the capacity of our local nonprofits and strengthen their relationships with funders in our rural area. Nonprofit staff and board members alike came together in the morning to learn more about building internal capacities in various areas including governance, fundraising, operations, volunteers, grant writing, and marketing. Funders from all over the state, including foundations, corporations, banks, and individuals participated in the afternoon round-table sessions at On Pointe Studios in Schulenburg. This opportunity allowed funders to learn from local nonprofits and discuss solutions to the unique challenges facing our rural communities.

Of the 166 individual participants, 73 nonprofit organizations and 30

funding organizations were represented. Attendees joined from a large geographical span, with the furthest nonprofit traveling from as far as Roscoe, TX, 374 miles away. Reenie Collins, Co-Chair of the event and Fayette Community Foundation board member summarized the day saying, "The work of all the RPD participants as nonprofit leaders, board members, and funders in our communities is what makes our small Texas towns such vibrant and caring communities. We hope everyone left the event with a renewed sense of purpose and passion as well as a wealth of knowledge and resources that will help their organizations better serve their mission."

The Fayette Community Foundation and Stanzel Family Foundation would like to thank all who supported and participated in the day. Without the help of so many, the event would not have been as successful and impactful for our rural region.

We are happy to announce the second annual South Central Texas Rural Philanthropy Day on November 3, 2023, at Randolph Recreation Center in La Grange, TX.



The Fayette Community Foundation invested

\$174,292

into the community in 2022 through grants, scholarships and community programming, all to improve the quality of life in our rural region of Texas.

62 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

ACCSS
Alzheimer's Association
AMEN
ARTS for Rural Texas
And Then
Austin Community College
Blinn College
Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley
Bugle Boy
Camp Lone Star
Camp Shakespeare
Capital of Texas Public Communications
CASA Gulf Coast
Children's Advocacy Center
Combined Community Action
Dolly Parton Foundation
Family Crisis Center
Fasion House
Fayette County Community Theatre
Fayette County Habitat for Humanity
Fayette Community Foundation Community Impact Grant
Fayette Community Foundation Scholarship Fund
Fayette Public Library
Friends of La Grange Railroad
Hesed House of Wharton
Hospice Brazos Valley
Jimmy Swaggart Ministries
Kids Cows & More
Kyla Faith Memorial
La Grange Band Boosters
La Grange Boy Scouts
La Grange Girl Scouts
La Grange Independent School District
La Grange Lions Club
La Grange Rotary Club
La Grange Volunteer Fire Department
Louisiana Christian University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Mennonite Disaster
Nature Conservancy
Parents As Teachers
Queen of the Holy Rosary Church Hostyn
Round Top Family Library
Round Top Festival Institute
Round Top Historical Society
Sam Houston State University
Senior Connections
Southwestern Assembly of God University
St. Mark's Foundation
Sun Life Broadcasting
Texas Heroes Museum
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Ramp Project
Texas State University
The Green Door Fund
The Red Door Fund for Mental Health
Turtle Wing Foundation
University of Texas at Tyler
Wharton County Junior College
Wimberly Village Library Foundation
Yosemite Conservancy

RAISED
\$17,840

With your support, The Red Door Fund was able to raise \$17,840 in 2022.

INVESTED
\$10,850

The Red Door Fund was able to invest \$10,850 back into the community to support mental health awareness, education and services.

ENGAGED
50+

Multiple community-led forums engaged over 50 attendees to learn from each other as well as 60,000 reached online.

THE RED DOOR FUND FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Our charge at the Fayette Community Foundation is to know the unique needs of our community. After a community needs assessment in 2021, the Fayette Community Foundation named mental health a regional priority. In 2022, the Foundation created The Red Door Fund for Mental Health to champion this public initiative.

The vision of The Red Door Fund for Mental Health is for individuals and families struggling with mental illness in this rural region to be surrounded by a local culture of acceptance, understanding, and support held by individuals, organizations and institutions, and the community as a whole.

In our rural region, those struggling with mental illness and their loved ones should not only have available to them the resources they need and be able to navigate those resources, but should also be able to turn to those resources or any person for support and feel accepted, understood, and unashamed.

The Red Door Fund for Mental Health was established to create and support Red Doors in the rural region of Colorado and Fayette Counties. It accomplishes this by raising funds to support awareness and education efforts and service and providers. In supporting these, the Red Door Fund seeks to help local individuals who are struggling with mental illness as well as their families and friends caring for them.

The Red Door Fund creates, encourages and supports mental illness awareness and education efforts, with the ultimate goal of lessening the associated shame and stigma - thereby creating Red Doors everywhere in the form of individuals.

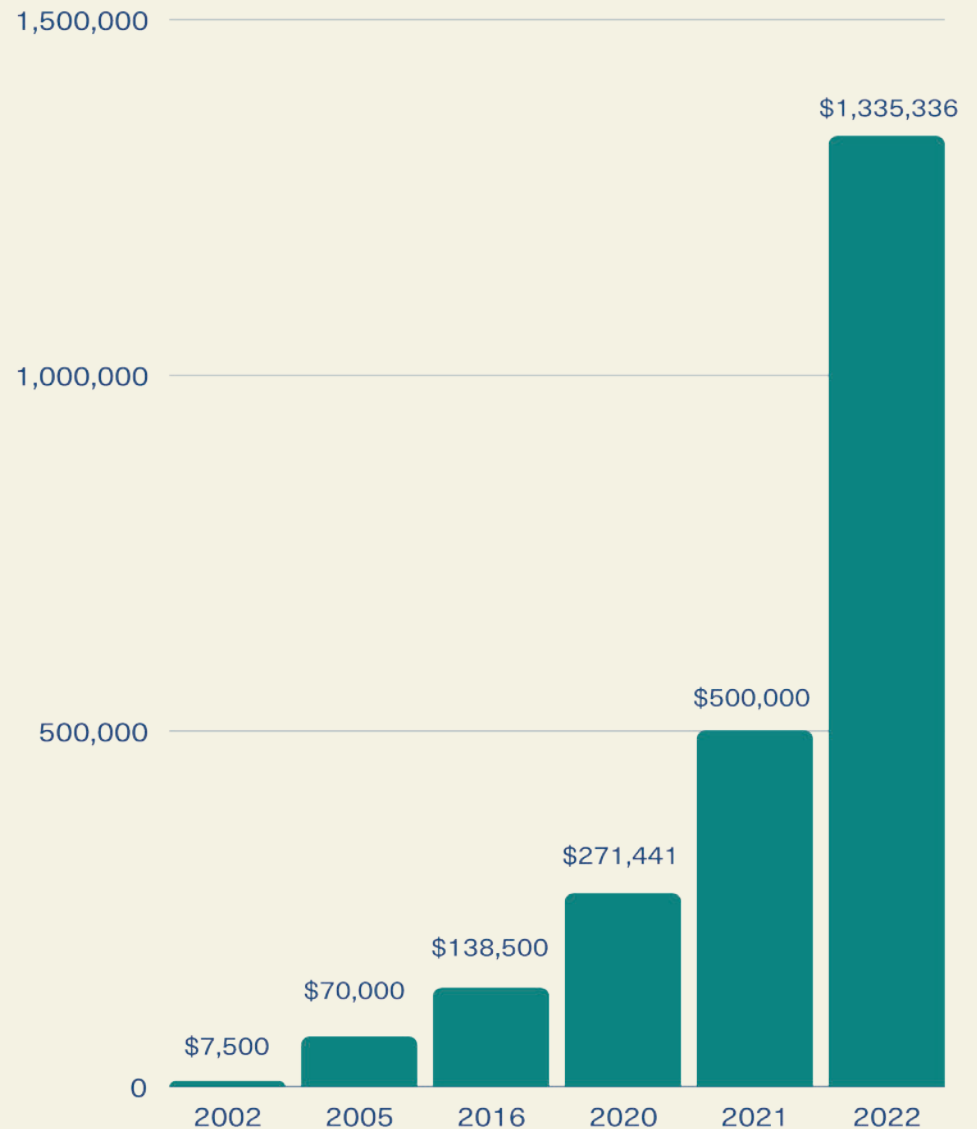
The Red Door Fund attracts new services and providers and increases access to existing services and providers - thereby creating more Red Doors in the form of resources that individuals and families can turn to right here where we live. Fayette and Colorado Counties exist in a mental health care desert. The ratio of providers to population significantly exceeds that of the State. We aim to help reduce that ratio.

INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENT ASSETS:
\$928,785

OTHER ASSETS:
\$406,551

TOTAL CHARITABLE ASSETS
UNDER MANAGEMENT:
\$1,335,336



FAYETTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IMPACT MODEL

STEP 1. GIVE

Philanthropic contributions are given to the Fayette Community Foundation and receive full tax benefits.



STEP 2. GROW

Dollars are pooled and invested with an average 5% annual return*.

*Based on 10-year history

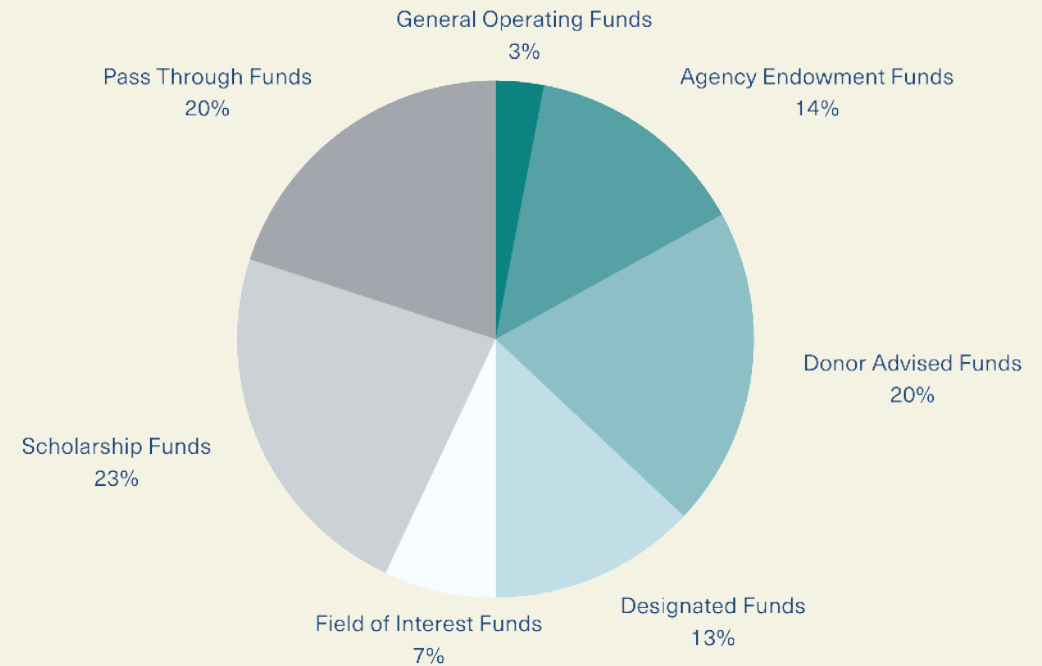


STEP 3. GRANT

Investment earnings are distributed to eligible charities every year, forever.



FAYETTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSETS



The Fayette Community Foundation manages more than \$1.3 million of our community's charitable assets, all to improve the quality of life in our rural region. Since our founding in 2001, the Foundation has carefully overseen the investments, asset diversification and steady overall growth to ensure our rural region can count on its community foundation in perpetuity.

Today, the Fayette Community Foundation and the Board of Directors partner with Austin Community Foundation to oversee all invested funds of our organization. Austin Community Foundation's investment policy provides a goal-focused benchmark of 4% plus the rate of inflation, while prudently managing risk. We are committed to protecting the value of our community's generous gifts so we may continue to serve nonprofits and charitable causes for decades to come.

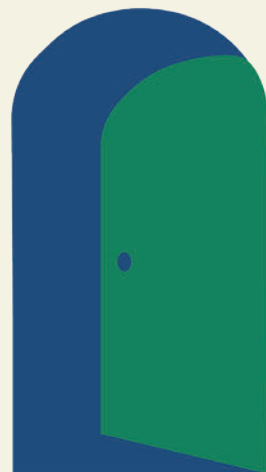
WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2023

The Fayette Community Foundation's work is proudly community-driven, taking data and voice to strategically plan for long-term outcomes while providing resources for immediate needs. Following the 2021 community needs assessment that propelled The Red Door Fund for Mental Health, the Fayette Community Foundation named workforce development and education as its second public initiative to champion.

In 2023, The Green Door Fund for Workforce Development and Education will convene community

partners to begin focusing on this identified need. This fund exists to support the economic security and educational advancement of our local students and professionals in our community. By leveraging assets and resources, this community-led fund plans to invest in organizations and programs that enhance the workforce skills and knowledge in our rural region.

To learn more about this public initiative or to support the work of The Green Door Fund, please visit www.faycofoundation.com



The Green Door Fund

Fayette Community Foundation

To ensure our local nonprofits are strong and benefit our community for generations to come, the Fayette Community Foundation is excited to launch The Key Society in 2023.

The Key Society is a giving circle made up of generous donors who have committed to leaving a portion of their estate, no matter the size, to the Fayette Community Foundation. These legacy gifts will ensure the Fayette Community Foundation continues to be the “KEY” to open doors that enhance the quality of life for all members of our rural region, now and in the future.

The Key Society recognizes the charitable individuals

who are planning today for gifts that will provide meaningful benefits to our community in the future. No estate gift is too small to leave a lasting impact. Become a Key Society member by naming the Fayette Community Foundation as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy, retirement account, or designating a specific gift in your will or trust.

If you love our community and want to ensure it continues to be great, or if you’ve already included the Fayette Community Foundation in your estate plans, the Key Society is for you. Contact Susannah Mikulin at susannah@faycofoundation.com to learn more about how you can become an official Key Society Member.



YOUR HOME FOR PHILANTHROPIC GIVING

DONORS

INDIVIDUALS

Dr. Randy & Beverly Albers
Kent & Kathy Babcock
Joe Bailey
Sheila Bain
Lin Baron
Katy Beauford
Tom Bethell
Bill Bishop & Julie Ardrey
Casey Boening
Amy Bone
Karen Bookout
Laura Brugger
Kylie Jo Bush
Leslie Callender
Jimmie & Barbara Class
Reenie Collins
Kenny Couch
Ed & Suzanne Ellis
Kirby & Nancy Farek
David & Stacy Fleig
Arthur Fletcher
Gerald Freytag
Yvonne Garcia
Becky Garlick
Clifford Giese
Susanne M. & Melbern G. Glasscock
Bernice Goppert
Tom Gunning
Charley Haardt
Harry & Betsy Harwood
Marcos Hernandez
Jerry & Joan Herring
Cathy Horn
Jan Hughes
Linda Hunt
Matt Hurley
Karlos Jackson
Jocie Jacob
Don Jones
Randy Jones
Brian Keith
Edward & Cynthia Koncaba
Susan Kuehler
Pam Langford
Cheryl Lauterstein

James B. Lewis
Gale Lincke
Lloyd Loehr
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Cheryl Pekar
Leslie Penello
Kathy Quinlan
Anita Rainosek
Melanie Ramirez
Frank & Jean Raymond
Tiffany Reid
Sally Reynolds
Andrea L.S. Riebeling
Arnold Romberg
Tony & Kay Scanapico
Susie Shank
Eric Skonberg
Tabiths Smith
David & Janis Stancik
Bob & Lucy Stanzel
Nova Stonecipher
Linda Streicher
GayeLynn Thomas
Victoria Velarde
Kathy Weishuhn

ORGANIZATIONS

A Better Columbus
Alliance for College & Career Student
Success
And Then a New Day
Anonymous
Arc of Matagorda County
ARTS For Rural Texas
Bastrop County Cares
Blinn College
Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley
BRIDGE
Bugle Boy
Beta Academy
Camp for All

Carmine Hall
CASA of Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette
Counties
Children's Advocacy Center Serving
Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette Counties
CoBank
Colorado County Habitat for Humanity
Colorado County Wildlife Management
Association
Combined Community Action
Community Action of Central Texas
Community Resource Centers of Texas
Duo Restaurant
Edu Nation
Everyone Thrives
Family Crisis Center
Fasion House Preservation
Fayette County Fair Association
Fayette County Habitat For Humanity
Fayette County Community Theatre
Fayette Electric Cooperative
Fayetteville Bank
Fayetteville Community Performance
Center
Fort Bend Hope
Friends of Elder Citizens
Friends of Winedale
Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter
Goodman Financial Corporation
HeartBrand Beef
H.E. Butt Foundation
HEB Foundation
Herzong Music Foundation
Hesed House of Wharton
Hill Bank & Trust
Holman Valley Steakhouse
Hostie
Humble Donkey Studio
Industry State Bank
Jefferson County Long Term Recovery
Group
Kids Cows & More
La Grange Rotary Club
Life Skills & Essential Development Inc.
Lift High Foundation
Lion Hearted
Lower Colorado River Authority
Meals On Wheel South Texas
Mini Horse Helpers

Mt. Calvary Preschool
Nonprofit Management Center of Permian
Basin
OneStar
Orange County Disaster Relief
Palacios Area Historical Association
Palacios Community Hub
PaperCity Magazine
Parents As Teachers
Polaris Nonprofit Consulting
Ride On Center for Kids
Rohan Meadery
Ronald McDonald House Charities of
Central Texas
Round Top Area Historical Society
Round Top Family Library
Round Top Festival Institute
Round Top Lions Club
Round Top Real Estate
Round Top State Bank
Sanford Community Center
Schulenburg Historical Museum
Schulenburg ISD
Second Chance Emporium
Senior Connections
SJRC Texas Belong
Smithville Workforce Training Center
South Central Real Estate
St. David's Foundation
St. James Preschool
Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum
Texas Quilt Museum
Texas Women's League
The Barnabas Connection
The Pharmacy Shop
The Trull Foundation
Townsend Provisions LLC
Turtle Wing Foundation
Unite Us
United Way of the Crossroads
University of Houston - Victoria
UT- RGK Center of Philanthropy &
Community Service
Valach Family Foundation
Walmart Foundation
We Care In Texas
Weikel's Store & Bakery
You Matter Beard and Mustache
Competition

FUNDS MANAGED

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Provides philanthropists with maximum flexibility over charitable distributions by allowing donors to make distribution recommendations throughout the year to various qualified charities of their choice.

CDL Charitable Fund
Fayette Electric Cooperative Charitable Fund*
Joe & Carolyn Bailey Fund
M.L Chartiable Fund
MasonJay Fund*

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Provides an ongoing source of support for a specific charitable organization named by the donor when the fund is established. Designated funds can be established by an individual or a nonprofit organization.

Alliance for College & Career Student Success Fund*
And Then a New Day Fund
BRIDGE Fund*
Fayette County Firefighters Association Chartiable Fund**

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Allows a nonprofit to establish a permanent pool of assets which will grow over time and creates sustainability.

Arts For Rural Texas Endowment Fund
Colorado County Wildlife Management Association Fund*
FCF Community Impact Fund
Second Chance Emporium Fund*

* Funds established during FYE 22

** Funds opened as of 1/1/23

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Establish a fund that serves your unique interest and passions and supports a broad area of concern(s). These funds provide grants within the overall direction of a fund advisory committee's areas of interest.

The Red Door Fund for Mental Health
The Green Door Fund for Workforce Development & Education*

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Make someone's educational goals a reality and let our expert staff handle the details. Scholarship fund types are available for individuals, families, or corporations.

Janet High Scholarship Fund*
Joe & Carolyn Bailey Scholarship Fund
FCF M.L Scholarship Fund*
FCF Scholarship Fund
FCF Technical Education Scholarship Fund*
Michael McCathern Scholarship Fund**
Sampuesana 7 Scholarship Fund**
Suzy Romberg Scholarship Fund

OTHER DESIGNATED PURPOSE FUNDS

ESL/ SSL
La Grange Computers for All
Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund
Parents As Teachers Fund

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