Building Your Endowment Fund

The Foundation is staffed to develop endowment and other funds through the acquisition of major and planned gifts to cultivate new and existing relationships with donors.

With that said, we want to help you generate donor interest in your fund. There are a number of ways that we can help you grow your fund. Following is an outline of services available through the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

- Estate planning advice
- Planned giving advice and services including document preparation
- General tax advice

To provide these services, we are happy to meet with the prospective donor and/or any representatives. Please note that while the BCCF provides consultation, it does not take the place of external legal council for such items as Charitable Remainder Trusts, Estate Settlements, etc.

We use the **most current gift planning software** so that we are able to answer computational questions on planned giving tools such as Charitable Gift Annuities.

Our trained professionals can prepare **marketing materials** or brochures for campaigns or drives.

Each Organization may receive up to 150 pre-addressed, postage paid envelopes and 150 personalized contribution cards on an annual basis. There is a minor charge for quantities that exceed the 150 maximum.

We work with area professional advisors to keep them updated on what we are doing as well as other issues. One way we correspond with professional advisors is through a weekly GiftLaw eNewsletter through Crescendo.

Readily available are **several marketing materials** on topics such as charitable giving for contributions to Endowment funds.

We are pleased to make **presentations** to any group such as a Board of Directors, or set of prospective donors. Topics may include:

- Planned Giving (general)
- Specific planned giving tools and techniques
- Benefits of an endowment fund
- Estate planning (general)
- Fund Development