A Fund for Our Community

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada created the Community Endowment to recognize the highest form of giving—to give anonymously to help someone you don’t know. This is what the Community Endowment represents and why it will work to multiply the positive impact made in the highest spirit of giving.

What Will the Community Endowment Fund?

- Partnership grants and match grant challenges
- Studies and projects of regional importance
- Community initiatives aimed at social impact
- Address community challenges as they arise
- At least 10% is reserved to aid in national and regional natural disasters, emergencies, or other crises annually

Funding may not be used for Community Foundation overhead.

The Community Fund Advisory Committee

An advisory committee will form annually to decide how funds are distributed. The advisory committee will consist of:

- 8 Community Foundation Board members
- 3 Community Foundation staff
- 4 members of the community representing diverse perspective and geographic reach
One Fund, Many Solutions

Why Give to the Community Endowment?
Our Biggest Little City faces big changes, now it’s time to plan big. The Community Foundation of Western Nevada is ready to take the next step forward. Many community foundations of our size have a community endowment in place to serve the unique needs of their residents. The Campaign for Our Community presents a unique opportunity to create a reliable source of philanthropic support—one that will benefit the community in perpetuity.

What Is the Community Endowment?
The Community Endowment is a pool of charitable gifts where the total amount is not spent but invested. Each year, this endowment yields returns based on market conditions and provides a payout. A percentage of the payout goes into the Community Fund to address one or many urgent community needs. The remaining portion of this yield is reinvested into the Community Endowment, contributing to its overall growth, and ensuring that future yields will be more substantial.

Why Is a Community Endowment Important?
Investing in the future of our region is important. We will raise $10 million or more for an endowment that will then generate approximately $400,000 annually. This will provide flexible financial resources to respond to community challenges as they arise. The Community Endowment will not only provide needed resources today, it is an investment that will grow over time. As the Community Endowment grows, so will its potential to positively impact our region.

Our Children Will Create Their Future
Who could have predicted the challenges of the past and present? The changing landscape of gaming. The need for workforce housing. Increasing traffic. What challenges will our children need to address in 20 years? The Community Endowment is one way they will have the resources to make a difference.

The Community Endowment is not a gift to our children. It is a legacy that we will pass on to them. It will be a tool they use to find solutions, create positive outcomes, and address the challenges of their time.