

Building . . .

for now

- By providing grants in the areas of education, health and wellness, recreation, historic preservation, and communication
- By establishing gift funds
- By facilitating collaborations between nonprofits, civic organizations, government, business and community groups
- By enhancing community capacity

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for the future

- By establishing permanent funds that give back to the community forever
- By creating opportunities for donors to establish a personal, business, group, or family legacy
- By nurturing and enhancing our community's strengths and assets



Our Mission

The Trinidad Community Foundation mission is to enhance and develop the quality of life in Trinidad and Las Animas County by building a culture of giving and by providing grants in the areas of education, health and wellness, recreation, historic preservation, and communication.

The Board's Vision

*The future is vibrant and full of promise!
We are building not just for today
but for generations to come.*

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An open letter from the TCF Board

Trinidad Community Foundation donors are people with a strong sense of community and personal commitment. They value our community and want to make a positive and lasting contribution.

Trinidad Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types to accommodate every donor. Whether you want to support organizations working in the Foundation's areas of interest or establish funds to support other worthwhile causes, the Foundation can help you meet your charitable giving goals. As a public charity, the Foundation also offers financial benefits to donors.

We invite you to join the Trinidad Community Foundation as we build . . . for now and the future.

The Board of Directors

We have a big vision. The Foundation has no other agenda than to help this community move forward into the future. We have dedication, focus, a positive outlook, all to make a better community. We're all in this because it's a home we love, because we care.

— **Jay Cimino**, TCF Founder

What is the Trinidad Community Foundation?

The Trinidad Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. As a tax-exempt, nonprofit public charity, TCF was created in 2006 by and for the people of Las Animas County.

The Foundation builds permanent and non-permanent funds through gifts contributed by many donors. From these funds, TCF makes grants and engages in community leadership activities to address a wide variety of current and long-term needs.

What does the TCF do?

TCF builds funds. Permanent funds benefit the community forever and help to create personal legacies. Other funds connect donors to issues or organizations that matter to them.

TCF makes grants. The Foundation supports deserving community groups working in education, health and wellness, recreation, historic preservation, and communication.

TCF provides community leadership. By promoting collaboration, building community capacity, and serving as a catalyst for positive change, TCF enhances our quality of life.



TCF Fund types

Donor Advised Fund. Donors who want an active role in grantmaking can establish a Donor Advised Fund. This choice allows you to recommend charitable organizations to receive grants from your fund. A Donor Advised Fund can be an easier and more efficient vehicle for family philanthropy than private foundations.

Donor Restricted Fund. Donors with strong ties to a particular organization or institution may want to establish a restricted fund. With a Restricted Fund, you designate a charitable organization that your fund will support during and beyond your lifetime.

Field of Interest Fund. Donors who feel strongly about a particular cause but do not wish to take an active role in grantmaking may want to establish a Field of Interest Fund. This type of fund allows you to identify and support a category of interest (e.g., the arts, the environment, kids at risk) that you feel passionate about supporting.

General Community/Unrestricted Fund. An unrestricted gift of any size to the Trinidad Community Foundation helps meet changing needs in our community, now and in the future. Grants are made to qualified organizations seeking funding through a competitive grants process. Trinidad Community Foundation funds support education, health and wellness, recreation, historic preservation, and communication.

Special Project Fund. From time to time, the TCF or donors may establish pass-through or project funds to support the work of an organization without charitable status. These funds are generally established for a defined purpose and are not permanent.