

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

A field of interest fund (FOI) is built on a gift from an individual or family to address a particular area of community life that captures this imagination or carries personal meaning, such as the arts, scientific research, animal welfare, education, youth programs or any other charitable cause.

We honor your wishes by annually awarding grants from the fund to organizations and programs in the named interest areas.

FOI funds benefit from the full resources of the Community Foundation's program staff and grant committees. These committees are made up of subject matter experts and community leaders who award grants from your fund to high-performing organizations and programs making a difference in your interest areas. When we approve a grant to an organization in that specific field of interest, we make the gift in the name of your fund.

FOI funds are flexible enough to fund a variety of organizations—even as needs change over time—and yet focused enough to create for you a highly personal and, if you choose, permanent charitable legacy. Although it is impossible to say today what the best organizations will be years from now, a FOI fund ensures your gift will be supporting the most

### *Highlights:*

- *Create a lasting gift in an area of personal importance*
- *Rely on local expertise of the Community Foundation's community programs staff to identify premier organizations*
- *Flexibility for grants to support organizations doing the best work today, tomorrow and a hundred years from now*



### W.I. FLEETWOOD

Through a selfless act of generosity, William Irven Fleetwood established the Fleetwood Memorial Foundation in 1974 to express his gratitude for Texas Safety Personnel. **Since inception, the foundation has provided more than \$4 million in assistance to Police Officers and Firefighters injured or killed in the line of duty.**

Tom Cravens is a former board chair of the Community Foundation. His father, Carlisle Cravens, was the first board chair of the Fleetwood Foundation. Since then, generations of the Cravens family have carried out the foundation's mission. When the Fleetwood Foundation Board looked for alternatives to the private foundation model, they discovered that moving the foundation to the Community Foundation was the most efficient solution.

**“Building a strong community is very important to us,” Cravens said. “Police and Fire Personnel support our community and to help them and their families is a gift.”**

The Community Foundation is honored to continue the legacy of Mr. Fleetwood and assist families like the Cravens in fulfilling their charitable goals.