

## DONOR BENEFITS

Using your local Community Foundation allows donors to meet the needs of their community now and for generations to come.



Some of the benefits of using a community foundation include:

- **Economies of Scale** – We offer donors a better return on investment through
  - 1) the pooling of assets;
  - 2) the diversification of investments; and
  - 3) the reduction of costs to any one Fund through shared expenses.
- **Professional Management** – Enjoy the advantages of having your fund be part of an actively managed, diversified investment portfolio with professional staff available to answer questions, identify community needs and screen grant requests.
- **Tax-Sheltered Growth of Funds** – Contributions to charitable funds grow tax free. Thus, donors are able to build charitable reserves without incurring additional taxes.
- **Convenience** – Our Funds are less costly and time consuming than handling it yourself. We handle all of the paperwork, record keeping and administrative details.
- **Flexibility** – Donors can realize nearly any charitable intent by choosing from among the variety of fund types offered by the PineBelt Foundation.
- **Simplicity** – Creating a charitable fund is an easy, low-cost alternative to forming and administering your own private foundation and requires minimal paperwork. We manage investments, process fund distributions, and file the appropriate tax returns.

## PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Partners and Friends of the PineBelt Foundation enable the Foundation to serve the Pine Belt. Funding through these programs is critically important to help fulfill our mission to build better communities through philanthropy.



### ANNUAL PARTNER LEVELS INCLUDE:

- Visionary** – \$25,000+
- Innovator** – \$10,000+
- Leader** – \$5,000+
- Patron** – \$2,500+
- Ambassador** – \$1,500+  
*Minimum Corporate Partner Level*
- Benefactor** – \$750+

### ANNUAL FRIEND LEVELS:

- Community Enhancer** – \$500+
- Community Investor** – \$250+
- Community Supporter** – \$100+

### I would like more information about:

- Establishing a Fund
- Becoming a Partner or Friend
- Leaving a Bequest

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City, State, Zip

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*Inspiring Charitable Giving...  
Investing in Our Community.*

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## YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation (PineBelt Foundation), founded in 1997, exists to strengthen communities by connecting charitably minded people to causes that matter most to them. We are organized as a 501(c)(3) allowing us to receive gifts from individuals, businesses and organizations who wish to support non-profit organizations, churches, schools or charitable causes in the Pine Belt.

The PineBelt Foundation is one of over 700 community foundations in the United States, all offering a variety of ways to enhance communities through philanthropic giving.

The PineBelt Foundation is governed by an active Board of Directors, consisting of well-known community members who volunteer their time to make a difference in the Pine Belt region.

## OUR MISSION

As a driving charitable force in our region, our mission is to build better communities through philanthropy. Donors can establish charitable legacies and provide leadership to address community needs in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting.



## HOW WE WORK

The PineBelt Foundation accepts a variety of gifts, including cash, stocks, life insurance, property and bequests, providing donors great flexibility and maximum tax benefits. Experts on the PineBelt Foundation Board assist with complicated gifts.

The PineBelt Foundation's Investment Committee has selected Vanguard, one of the world's largest investment management companies, to provide cost-effective and efficient management of the PineBelt Foundation's endowed assets.



## OUR SERVICE AREA

Our service area includes the Pine Belt region including Forrest, Lamar, Jones, Marion, Perry, Jefferson Davis and Covington counties. However, we will provide our services to donors outside this area if their intention is

clearly charitable in nature and further enhances the charitable purposes of the PineBelt Foundation.

## SET UP YOUR FUND – IT'S EASY

Setting up a Fund at the PineBelt Community Foundation is easy and inexpensive! Endowment Funds can be started with as little as \$1,000 (and a commitment to grow the Fund to \$10,000 within 10 years). All donations to the Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law.

### How to set up a Fund:

- 1) decide what to support and the type of Fund;
- 2) choose the name of the Fund;
- 3) decide what asset(s) to give; and,
- 4) decide on the method for disbursements.

Investing in your local Community Foundation helps make our community a better place to live, work and raise our families now and for generations to come.

*All Funds must be accepted by the Board of Directors' Funds Acceptance Committee.*

## TYPES OF FUNDS

Many donors open a fund to honor or in memory of a loved one – leaving a legacy! There are many types of Funds to choose from, including:

- **PineBelt Community Enhancement Fund (Unrestricted)** – has the greatest flexibility to support the community's changing needs in perpetuity.
- **Donor Advised Fund** – allows you and members of your family or organization to make grant recommendations.
- **Designated Fund** – supports specific organization(s) that you choose.
- **Field of Interest Fund** – supports organizations that address a specific issue important to you.
- **Organizational Fund** – established by an organization and managed by the PineBelt Foundation on behalf of the nonprofit, church or



school. This type of fund provides a non-profit group or organization with a predictable flow of funds for general operating support.

- **Scholarship Fund** – creates a scholarship for the school(s) or areas(s) of study that you specify.
- **PineBelt Community Foundation Endowment (Unrestricted)** – supports the operational needs of the PineBelt Foundation.

*To donate to any of our charitable Funds, please visit our website at [www.PineBeltFoundation.org](http://www.PineBeltFoundation.org).*



**Inspiring Charitable Giving...Investing in Our Community.**