

# Why Give through Dade Community Foundation

Many reasons persuade donors to give through Dade Community Foundation, including our grantmaking expertise, financial benefits to donors, effective leadership, accountability, permanence, flexibility, simplicity, and the ability of the donor to receive public recognition or remain anonymous. Those advantages work for you.

## Grantmaking Expertise

With more than 33 years of experience in Miami - Dade County, the Foundation provides an unparalleled knowledge of the community's needs and concerns. That knowledge is always available to guide your grantmaking. Foundation staff will advise you on ways to make the most of your charitable gifts - by targeting your contributions to grants that will do the most good in the community.

## Financial Benefits

Contributing through a community foundation is cost-effective. The Foundation gives you an immediate deduction for your charitable contribution while offering the opportunity to participate in grantmaking at a later date. Because the tax code favors contributions to a community foundation over those to a private foundation, your gift will generally rate a higher deduction than the same amount donated to a private foundation. Dade Community Foundation administers assets of almost \$70 million, so administrative costs are minimal, yet donors enjoy the benefits and services of a substantial foundation.

## Effective Leadership and Accountability

A Board of Governors composed of knowledgeable community leaders representing the diversity of our community provides overall direction and policy. The Foundation is fully accountable to the community. Our records are public and our programs are carefully monitored. An independent audit ensures fiscal responsibility.

## Permanence, Stability and Simplicity

Established in perpetuity, the Foundation ensures that your gift will be truly lasting. Your generosity will make an impact on the community forever. The Foundation can receive many different kinds of assets and make grants to a wide variety of community organizations. This flexibility enables donors to meet their charitable and financial objectives. Creating a fund requires minimal paperwork and usually can be accomplished in less than half an hour.

## Recognition or Anonymity

You may receive public recognition or remain anonymous, as you wish. You may specify that a fund be named for an individual, family, group or special purpose, or established as a memorial or tribute. In this and many other ways, the Foundation helps individuals and corporations achieve their community involvement goals.