

# DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *Professional Notes*

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## ABOUT DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*For 39 years, Dade Community Foundation has been the community foundation for Miami-Dade County, an aggregate of funds created by individuals, families, and corporations to benefit the world around them especially the people of our community.*

*The Foundation is governed by a 21 member Board of Governors composed of community leaders. Its staff is recognized for experience in grant making, financial administration, and donor services.*

## Community Foundations Are Your Best Allies

*By: Henry H. Raattama, Esq., Shareholder, Akerman Senterfitt*

In the course of doing business, sooner or later you will be called upon to help clients with their charitable giving.

Your clients will be looking for the most effective ways to contribute to charitable causes that they hold dear. They will have questions about specific charitable giving vehicles, such as charitable remainder trusts. And they will want to know how to capitalize on the potential for contributing retirement funds to charity.

The tax considerations are important, but often the favorable tax laws merely facilitate and make it less costly to accomplish a charitable goal. It is easy to find tax lawyers. The non tax considerations are equally, if not more, important. For example, how to support a particular cause, how to find a charity supporting a particular cause, how to insure endowment money is used for its intended purpose. These questions can be more important than the tax questions.

Perhaps you already raise the charitable question with your clients. Maybe it makes your job more satisfying - not only to provide exemplary client service, but also to contribute to making your community a better place, all by doing your job.

Wouldn't it be great if there were one place that you could go to get all the information that you and your clients need about charitable giving?

Well, in Greater Miami, there is a place. Dade Community Foundation serves residents in all Miami-Dade County. Dade Community Foundation is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Miami-Dade. Their mission is to help donors make a positive impact on this community.

Dade Community Foundation is your very best ally in delivering philanthropic planning, products, and services to your clients. The Foundation offers a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their

charitable goals and have expertise on issues and trends in charitable giving instruments and strategies.

### Three Special Features

There are three special features of Dade Community Foundation that can help you do your job better:

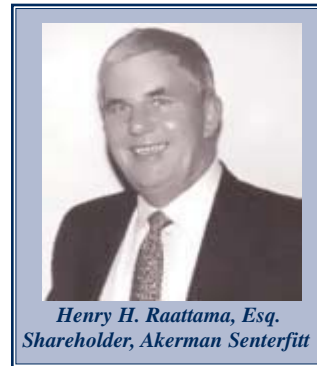
- **Personalized Service:** Dade Community Foundation makes giving easy, flexible, and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. Clients can contribute cash, stocks, property, and bequests. They may establish an Unrestricted, Field of Interest, Designated, or Donor Advised Fund in their name or in the name of a loved one. Their gift will gain maximum tax advantage.
- **Local Expertise:** The professional staff of Dade Community Foundation has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape the community. They monitor all areas of community need - including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. They can help you and your clients learn more about local agencies and programs that make a difference.

Dade Community Foundation makes available a unique body of information to help a donor accomplish their philanthropic goals. The Foundation works with, not competes with, local charities to create philanthropic synergy. If you ask a client whether they had considered their legacy and they say, "I have been thinking about just that and would like to benefit abused children but do not know how; what do you suggest?" Call the Dade Community Foundation for assistance.

- **Community Leadership:** Dade Community Foundation invests in the long term and brings people and organizations together. It convenes diverse voices to addressing local issues and opportunities.

*Building Permanent Endowment for Greater Miami's Changing Needs Since 1967*

Lastly, for several years I have served as the pro-bono attorney for the Dade Community Foundation in Miami. I can tell you by personal experience, this community foundation has built a reputation of community service second to none. It has helped connect local donors with the causes they care about and demonstrated great skill and flexibility in meeting the challenges of a vibrant community. Dade Community Foundation has served as a source of good for Miami-Dade and beyond since 1967.



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*Since 1967  
Dade Community  
Foundation has  
made grants of  
almost \$91 million  
to Greater Miami's  
nonprofit agencies.  
For more  
information about  
the Foundation  
call  
305-371-2711.*

**Top 10 Reasons Attorneys and Professional Advisors Work with  
Dade Community Foundation:**

- One:** It is an organization with deep roots in the community.
- Two:** The professional program staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
- Three:** They provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.
- Four:** They accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex form of giving.
- Five:** These funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
- Six:** They partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
- Seven:** They offer maximum tax advantage under state and federal law.
- Eight:** They multiply the impact of the gift advantage under state and federal law.
- Nine:** They build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
- Ten:** They are community leaders, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.



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