

EVERYONE CAN LEAVE A LEGACY

Our Community Foundation
For a Greater Birmingham



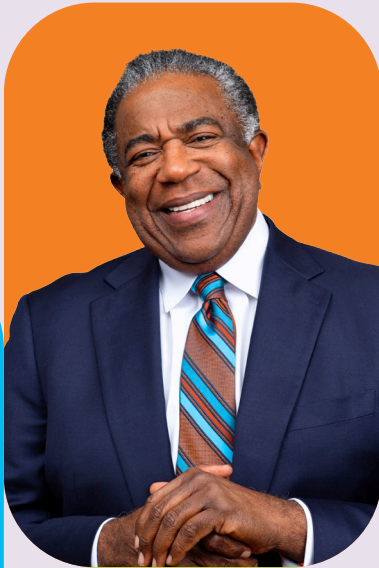
WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

Since 1959, hundreds of forward-thinking people just like you have partnered with the Community Foundation to leave enduring legacies, making a lasting benefit beyond their lifetimes. Through our simple, customizable estate giving platform, we can help you imagine and create your legacy that will impact our community for generations.

Many people choose to support the community through their will, their trust, or through a retirement account beneficiary designation. When you work with the Community Foundation, you can do so much with one simple estate gift.

Perhaps you want to support your favorite nonprofits annually, forever, in your memory. Or you want the Community Foundation to support areas of interest that you are most passionate about or respond to our community's most pressing needs over time. Maybe you want to leave a philanthropic resource for your children and grandchildren to use to support their favorite nonprofit and perpetuate your family's values. **Whatever your charitable goals, we can help you achieve them.**

Legacy gifts allow you to benefit your community beyond your lifetime. We offer simple strategies to help you and your advisors plan today for a gift tomorrow. Contact us today to learn more about how you can invest in the future by leaving a legacy for our community.



STORIES OF GIVING

Meet the donors who
turned their lifetime
passion into a legacy.



50 Years of Impact

THE SPAIN LEGACY: A TIMELESS GIFT TO BIRMINGHAM

In 1972, Frank and Margaret Spain placed their trust in the Community Foundation with a \$3 million bequest. More than 50 years later, their legacy lives on through organizations across the community that have received grants from their endowment. Today, their fund stands at \$17 million and has allocated over \$36 million in strategic grants throughout five counties.

But the Spains' legacy isn't just monetary; it extends into generations. Peggy Spain McDonald, their daughter, became the Foundation's first executive director. Her tenure paved the way for the leaders who followed to build an organization that would not only stand the test of time but would be respected as a catalyst for change in the region. And Peggy's daughter, Cameron Vowell, has been active with the Community Foundation her entire adult life, continuing the family's legacy of generosity and service. "Watching the Community Foundation evolve over the course of my life has been very rewarding." That's why Cameron and her husband, Scott, have decided that they, too, will leave a gift to the Foundation through their estate.

Cameron now looks forward to her son, John Scott Vowell, Jr., carrying on as the fourth generation of their family to dedicate themselves to serving the Greater Birmingham area through the Community Foundation. "John Scott knows that philanthropy is my and my husband's main focus, and he's very philanthropic, too," Cameron says. "I want young people to understand that you can build a building and have your name on it, but buildings are going to get old."

"If you create a fund at the Community Foundation as part of your legacy, it's going to endure for a long time. And that money has a chance to grow. Bricks and mortar? They don't multiply over time. That's the power of an endowment."



THE SPAIN FUND 50 YEAR

LEGACY

Three generations of giving,
fifty years of growth,
one lasting legacy.



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Dora and Sanjay Singh

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTMENT

Dora and Sanjay Singh understand the importance of investing in Birmingham's future. That's why their estate plan includes a gift to the Community Foundation.

Since moving to Birmingham, they have been champions for the city through their entrepreneurship and commitment to innovation and diversity. Having emigrated from India and El Salvador, they've experienced firsthand the importance of building bridges between cultures. That's why they want to 'pay it forward' with their legacy gift and invest in the future of Birmingham. With a focus on education and cultural opportunities, Dora and Sanjay believe that their gift can help make Birmingham a more inclusive home for people from all over the world.

Sanjay says, "We trust the Community Foundation to manage our legacy gift because they have the experience, history, and collaborative spirit to drive the transformational change we envision for Birmingham."

Dora and Sanjay's spirit of generosity has already impacted Birmingham. Through their partnership with the Community Foundation, they can ensure that their impact will endure, preserving the causes close to their hearts and building bridges to a better future for generations to come.

Guin Robinson

UPHOLDING FAMILY VALUES THROUGH GENERATIONS

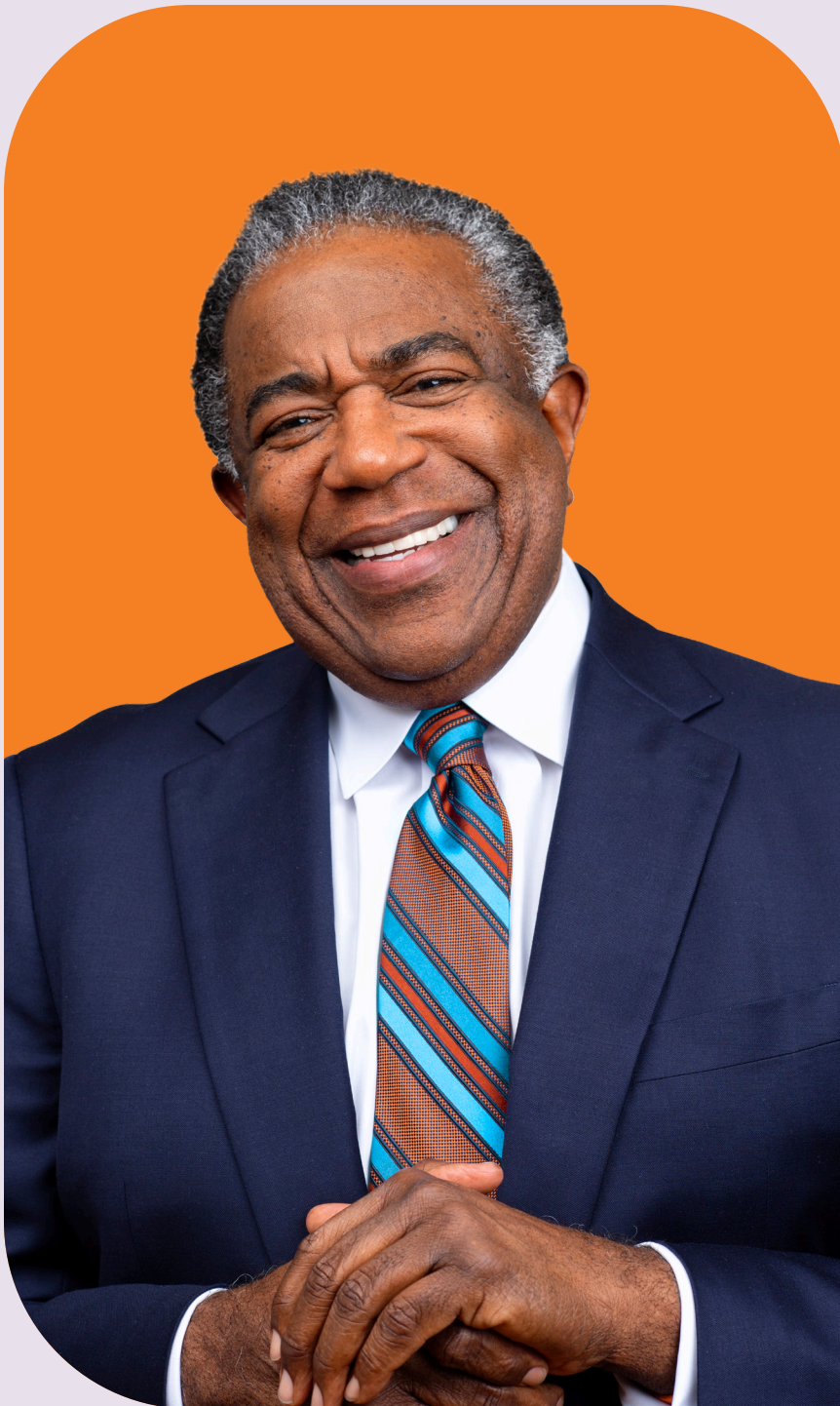
Guin Robinson credits his grandmother with instilling in him the belief that he should leave the world a better place than he found it. "My family has always had a deep-rooted belief in giving back to the community, and I want to honor their values," Guin says. "As an only child with no children of my own, leaving a gift to the Community Foundation ensures that my family's legacy will be honored for years to come."

Throughout his career, Guin has pursued this commitment, taking on leadership roles in the region, chairing charitable organizations, and working to improve the lives of all in the community.

For Guin, his trust in the Community Foundation isn't just based on its reputation but even more so on its impactful work and proactive solutions to pressing community challenges. By entrusting his legacy gift to the Foundation, Guin ensures that the tradition of community care, embedded in his family's history, will continue to flourish in Birmingham.

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Larry Thornton

A SERVANT-LEADER LEGACY

Whether it's as a businessman, entrepreneur, artist, or author, Larry Thornton is guided by one principle: service to his community. "When I started my business in 1992, it was the first African-American owned McDonald's in the city of Birmingham. It was clear to me, even at that point, that our work was not going to be just a business. It was going to be a ministry as well. We've never strayed from that philosophy."

Larry shared many of the lessons he has learned throughout his life in his recent book, *Why Not Win? A Reflection on a Fifty-year Journey from the Segregated South to America's Boardrooms – And What It Can Teach Us All*. And it was this servant-leader perspective that Thornton brought to the Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Larry says that it was his service on the Board that opened his eyes to the myriad programs and initiatives the Community Foundation is involved in and the real value they bring to the community. "For those of us who have been fortunate and so many who have been way, way more fortunate than myself from a financial perspective, it just makes sense to me to continue that work that the Foundation is doing," he says. "That is why I am leaving a gift to the Foundation in my estate plan, and I encourage others like me to do the same thing and invest in the future of our community."

"The Community Foundation offers a long-term approach to making your contribution—your life's work—sustainable and continuous."

Brooke and Daniel Coleman

INVESTING FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Moving back to Birmingham to raise their family was always Brooke and Daniel Coleman's plan. Living in other cities had given them the opportunity to see how strategic investments had transformed those communities, and they wanted to apply that knowledge to their home. That's why they chose the Community Foundation to steward their investment in Birmingham.

Education has always been a cause close to their hearts, and they know that investing in education is a key to the long-term growth and success of the community. Their commitment to strategic investments in the community goes beyond their philanthropy. Daniel serves as the president of Birmingham Southern College and Brooke is a community leader, working with organizations that are addressing the challenges facing our region. "We know how critical education is for workforce development and growing new leaders for our region," says Brooke.

Working with the Community Foundation enables Brooke and Daniel to support their passion for education now and leave a legacy gift that will invest in their hometown for generations to come. They trust the Foundation's ability to convene people across the community to address challenges.

Daniel says, "The Foundation is adept at identifying and driving innovative, long-term solutions. Because we trust the Community Foundation's enduring vision for Birmingham's future, we know that our legacy gift will continue to take on these challenges even after we are gone."

Their hope is clear: with investments like theirs, Birmingham can thrive and prosper now and for future generations.



Leave a legacy.

Planned the right way, the causes you care about today can be sustained long into the future. Legacy giving leaves a lasting impact on our community and the causes that matter most to you. Invest in the future and be remembered for good.

Did you know that you can create a legacy for our community simply by adding a succession plan to your Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation? Our team at the Community Foundation is ready to work with you to do what many other donors have already chosen to do: imagine and establish a fully customizable charitable plan that will benefit the causes and organizations you care about forever.

When you add a succession plan to your Donor Advised Fund or name the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of your will, trust, or retirement account, you can:

- Support your favorite nonprofits in perpetuity through an endowment.
- Direct funding to causes you are most passionate about, without the pressure to name specific charities.
- Create a philanthropic resource for your children and grandchildren to support their favorite nonprofits and carry on your family's values.
- Invest in high-risk, high-return, catalytic projects that aim to make a big impact in Birmingham.

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