

FAMILY MEETINGS



At Akron Community Foundation's Center for Family Philanthropy, we believe experiencing philanthropy together should be fun, inspiring and comfortable. Much like a family reunion, family meetings through The Center for Family Philanthropy offer a time to gather and reflect on your past, while providing insight into your future. They give you a chance to develop and express shared values, to craft a philanthropic legacy, and to nurture relationships across time, geography and generations.

But conversations about values, money and philanthropy can be difficult to navigate and keep on track. Let our trained and experienced staff guide your family's conversation so there's less pressure on you to facilitate and more opportunity for you to engage.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Every family's legacy is different. During your first family meeting at The Center for Family Philanthropy, our staff will help uncover what you and your family would like your philanthropic legacy to be. Through a series of tailored activities and evaluations, we will learn your charitable goals and help you create a unique family giving plan to guide your philanthropy for years to come. We're equipped to work with families who are physically close, as well as those dispersed geographically.

Using customized tools, our team will:

- Ease the process of including your family in your charitable giving.
- Help you teach younger generations about the important role philanthropy has played in your life.
- Transform difficult family conversations about money and donations into opportunities to explore shared values.
- Create a giving plan that prioritizes your charitable gifts and leaves you feeling impactful, not transactional.
- Help determine the best fund and foundation types for you (many families benefit from more than one).
- Help you set goals and strategies for your charitable giving so you can gain confidence in the gifts you make, as well as the opportunities you decline, adding both clarity and intention to your giving.
- Provide insight into local nonprofits and causes you care about.
- Leverage your family's charitable giving to make progress in the issues you care about most.

WHO TO INVOLVE

We realize that the ties that bind us may or may not be familial, so whether your family involves grandparents, children, nieces, nephews, friends or trusted advisors, it's entirely up to you. However you define it, our flexible, hands-on approach allows us to create a plan to engage your entire family.

WHERE TO GO

Family meetings are often held at Akron Community Foundation*, but they can also be held at your home, a preferred nonprofit or place of worship, or anywhere with a private meeting space where your family feels most comfortable.

*Subject to hours and availability



The timing for your family meetings is up to you and your family members, but we do suggest gathering your family annually. Over time, your family's approach to philanthropy may evolve, and this meeting will help us update your family giving plan and make sure your contributions are as strategic and meaningful as possible.

Your Family Giving Plan

Our family giving plans are important, tangible records of your family's charitable wishes. But they also serve as educational workbooks for strategic philanthropy and include files for grantmaking preparation, nonprofit evaluation, community needs assessments, and much more.

Your family giving plan will not only help guide your family during your meeting, but it will also serve as a historical record of your family's charitable decisions for future generations, helping to guide your future legacy.

Every year you participate, you will get to keep your personalized family giving plan to add to your collection. To further preserve your historical records, Akron Community Foundation will also keep an anthology of your family meeting materials in our library at The Center for Family Philanthropy.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

We would love the opportunity to learn more about you, your family, and your charitable passions and goals. For more information, contact Karen A. Hrdlicka, director of The Center for Family Philanthropy, at **330-436-5640** or **khrdlicka@akroncf.org**.

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