



Meeting
ever-changing
community
needs

East Tennessee Foundation's
Opportunity Fund



East Tennessee Foundation's Opportunity Fund is an unrestricted fund designed to respond to a broad range of our region's most pressing needs and opportunities. This fund gives ETF the ability to encourage organizations to submit proposals for funding programs and projects that may fall outside our normal grantmaking fields-of-interest (Arts and Culture, Education, Youth-at-Risk, and Community Development).

As its name implies, the Opportunity Fund provides flexibility to the Foundation to marry opportunity with action in a meaningful and timely manner. It makes critical resources available for the important role of convening played by ETF that can result in new ideas, stronger partnerships, and the elimination of duplication.

With the continued growth of the Opportunity Fund Endowment, East Tennessee Foundation will become even more effective in addressing crucial community issues while serving as a constructive catalyst for changing systems that will enrich lives and strengthen communities throughout East Tennessee.

If I support organizations and fields-of-interest that are special to me, why should I consider giving a portion of my charitable gifts to the Opportunity Fund?

Some donors find total satisfaction in supporting only those causes and organizations that have a special place in their hearts and lives. Others, however, wish their charitable dollars could make a broader impact in the community. Feeling apprehensive about maximizing the philanthropic value of their gifts with limited information (getting the most bang for their buck), they support the Opportunity Fund and look to ETF as their means of finding a greater sense of having enriched lives and strengthened communities in East Tennessee.

Making it possible for emerging needs and opportunities to be met.

Who makes gifts to the Opportunity Fund?

Donors to the Opportunity Fund have a strong desire to give back to the community *in general* as well as to a specific cause or organization. They understand that ETF stays up-to-date on emerging needs and opportunities within the region and that this fund makes it possible for those needs and opportunities to be addressed timely and effectively.

For more information on how to establish a fund at East Tennessee Foundation, call us at (865) 524-1223, or toll-free at (877) 524-1223, or e-mail: etf@etf.org Visit us on-line at www.easttennesseefoundation.org



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