

For Your Loved One. Forever.

How to Establish a Memorial Fund

Please accept our deepest sympathy

The death of a close friend or family member is a deeply personal experience. Please know the thoughts and prayers of your community are with you.

We invite you to consider the creation of a charitable fund at Marion Community Foundation as a means to permanently memorialize your loved one.

Options to Give

Your loved one left an indelible mark in this world. You can help perpetuate that legacy forever through Marion Community Foundation. Here are some basic options when considering memorial contributions through your local community foundation:

1. A **permanent endowment** gift named in honor and memory of your loved one that will provide annual gifts to local charities or scholarships. This requires a minimum contribution and we can work with you on ways to ensure you reach the minimum in a time frame that works best for you.
2. A **limited time** gift named in honor and memory of your loved one that will provide gifts to local charities or scholarships based on the amount of the gift and the time frame you establish.
3. A **one-time memorial** gift to any of our *existing* 400+ funds that currently benefit student scholarships or dozens of local charities.
4. A **one-time memorial** gift to either our *Forever Remembered Fund* or our *Community's Memorial Fund* that will honor your loved one in the year of your gift.



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Creating a Legacy for Your Loved One.

Everyone deserves to be remembered. Deciding how to best **preserve the legacy of your loved one** is an important decision. Marion Community Foundation is uniquely qualified to help you coordinate and establish charitable gifts in their memory **through memorial contributions** which benefit the causes, organizations, and programs you hold most dear.

You can **establish a charitable fund in name of your loved one** *at no charge* through Marion Community Foundation. Select a local charity that is meaningful to you or your loved one, invite friends and family to make memorial contributions to the fund, and your loved one's name will be permanently acknowledged for this generosity.



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

Marion Community Foundation is the trusted steward of more than 400 **charitable funds and scholarships**, created by families, like yours, to ensure that loved ones are remembered for supporting the causes and organizations, such as churches, schools, and nonprofit organizations, that matter to them.

Simple Steps

Through memorial contributions, it is easy to **establish a charitable fund** through Marion Community Foundation that will be **named in honor of your loved one**. The process is simple and your funeral director and the staff of Marion Community Foundation can help you.

- 1** Decide that you want to **honor** the memory of your loved one by creating a permanent fund *in the name of your loved one* at Marion Community Foundation.
- 2** Select a nonprofit organization for the fund to **benefit**. This can be a church, school, or charitable non-profit organization; or, you may decide to create a scholarship fund for the benefit students pursuing higher education.
- 3** **Contact** Marion Community Foundation. We have 20 years of experience in helping families like yours create the legacy you desire. We were created by the Marion community for the Marion community and will counsel you on your options in a courteous way that respects your wishes.
- 4** Marion Community Foundation can provide you and your funeral director with the appropriate language for the obituary so friends and family will know how to make **memorial contributions**.

For memorial gifts, the obituary and notice at the funeral home should read as follows:

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion Community Foundation, 504 South State Street Marion, OH 43302, for the purpose of establishing a charitable fund in memory of {name of deceased}.

OR

to benefit the (name of existing) Fund.

- 5** When the time is right, meet with the staff of Marion Community Foundation to **establish** the memorial fund that matches your wishes and creates your loved one's legacy.

We do all the rest.



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