Consider an **Unrestricted** Fund if you:

- Want to support changing needs in the Marion area
- Want the greatest impact for your philanthropic dollar
- Want to see your gift meet the most pressing community needs

Support the community’s greatest opportunities and emerging needs with a responsive contribution. Created by civic-minded individuals like you, Unrestricted Funds have been making grants to the Marion community since our founding in 1998.

Unrestricted Funds are a personalized fund you create to impact our community for generations to come. In creating an Unrestricted Fund, you allow Marion Community Foundation’s Board of Directors to make awards for any unanticipated community needs – as they arise – which the Board deems worthy and appropriate. Our 15-member Board of Directors includes local community leaders who volunteer their time in support of the Marion area and have a vested interest in the success of our community. Our Board members include professionals in business, finance, law, education, and other professions that make them – along with their deep knowledge of the Marion area and local nonprofit capacity – keenly capable of accepting and putting to good use gifts in many forms.

**Key Benefits**

- Supports the changing needs and opportunities in the Marion area
- Makes the greatest impact possible with your charitable dollars
- Seeks expertise in research and community evaluation to determine needs, opportunities, and effectiveness of local nonprofit programs and initiatives

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**Chester & Mildred Roberts Fund**

Building on a true legacy of civic involvement is the **Chester C. & Mildred Roberts Fund**. The Roberts were lifelong residents of Marion, as were generations of family before them. Mildred’s family were some of the oldest and closest friends of Marion’s most famous family, the Hardings. Chester was president of the Marion Reserve Power Company, precursor to Ohio Edison. This unrestricted fund was created by their son Charles and his wife, Mary, and is supported by the Roberts family to this day.