

# Making a charitable donation at Hamilton Community Foundation



The Arora family

## Ways to give

You can create your own fund or donate to HCF's Community Fund to support Hamilton's most pressing issues. Fund minimums range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and fees are typically two percent annually.

## Types of funds

- 1. Community Fund:** Addresses Hamilton's highest charitable needs. Donations of any amount are welcome and donors whose accumulated donations reach \$5,000 may choose to have a named fund.
- 2. Donor-advised fund:** Donors recommend charitable organizations that will receive grants.
- 3. Designated fund:** Donors specify which charities will receive an annual grant.
- 4. Field-of-interest fund:** Donors specify an area of interest, such as education, environment, arts and culture, or recreation. HCF makes the annual grant within the area of interest.

At HCF, we offer a variety of giving options that allow you to achieve your philanthropic goals and help meet community needs. Types of donations include cash, securities, life insurance, and gifts in wills.

## Be part of making a difference

Like many people, Upkar and Nita Arora felt they had taken care of basic planning — they had wills, insurance and health powers of attorney. But then, an urgent medical issue raised the stakes. "It forced us to revisit our goals," says Upkar, "and really talk about how to have an impact with our estate."

They chose Hamilton Community Foundation as their partner "for three reasons," says Upkar: the quality of its leadership, its innovation and creativity in addressing root causes of inequity, and its responsiveness and ability to act quickly in their particular circumstances.

"Why wait until after you're gone?" says Upkar, "especially when community needs are so significant. By doing something now, you can see the difference you're making."

## About HCF

**Our vision:** A vibrant, diverse and inclusive Hamilton.

**Our mission:** To drive positive change by connecting diverse people, ideas and resources.

### How we do it

- By helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community.
- By supporting all aspects of community life through grants and loans to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.
- By bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.

**Grants and community leadership spending: \$12.6 million last year which included 942 grants to 378 organizations in Hamilton and beyond.**

## Next steps

- Talk with your professional advisor
- Consider your philanthropic legacy
- Contact us directly

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