Our Mission

Our community is at the center of what we do. Greater Houston Community Foundation offers a variety of tools and expertise to amplify the positive impact donors and their gifts can have across the Houston area and beyond. We provide individuals, families, corporations, foundations, and advisors with the ability to reach beyond what they could have ever imagined in their giving. As a convener for leading philanthropists, we take great pride in putting our expertise, experience, and stewardship to work. We strive to inspire families and educate the next generation of philanthropic leaders as they navigate in their quest to do personal and impactful philanthropy. As one of Houston’s leading philanthropic grant makers, we are honored to make a positive, meaningful, long-lasting impact in our community.

GHCF Philanthropic Vehicles

- Donor Advised Funds
- Designated & Agency Funds
- Field of Interest Funds
- Community Impact Funds
- Scholarships
- Supporting Organizations
- Donor Working Groups
- Corporate Donor Advised Funds
- Legacy Funds

Customized Philanthropic Services

- Nonprofit Research
- Grants Management
- Landscape & Issue Analysis
- Private Foundation Services
- Convening & Consulting
- Giving Plans
- Corporate Giving Program Support & Management Services
- Corporate Employee Disaster Relief
- Disaster Relief

Meeting Donors Where They Are

- Legacy Planning
- Center for Family Philanthropy
- Next Gen Donor Institute
- Family Meetings
- Interest Area Programming & Learning Opportunities
- Corporations - Customized Programs

Working With Professional Advisors

- Third Party Investment Management (starting at $500,000)
- Acceptance of Complex Assets
- Solution-Oriented Services for Clients
- The Professional Advisor Institute

An Investment In Your Community

Through working with GHCF, a 501(c)(3) public charity, donors are making an investment in their community that will be remembered and valued for generations to come.

To learn more about the Foundation’s philanthropic services, please contact Susan Zarich at szarich@ghcf.org or 713-333-2203.
Collaborate & Align

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING DONOR WORKING GROUP (DWG)
The purpose of the AHT DWG is to convene and connect a variety of high-capacity donors (private, corporate, and individual) involved in anti-human trafficking efforts. Annually, the group sets an informed and relevant collective strategy that defines, implements, and measures actionable goals. Our activities include identification of key project interests or needed innovation in the field; grant making opportunities aligned around gap analysis, member interests, and funding projections; and cultivating or creating strategic partnerships or initiatives. Join us – Houston needs you! To learn more, connect with Rebecca Hove at rhove@ghcf.org or 713-333-2245.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FUND
The Youth Homelessness Fund is a local network of individual donors and private foundations who are committed to reducing youth homelessness through leadership, education, and collaborative grant making. To date, the fund has granted $332,577 to a variety of projects, including collaborative planning grants for youth homelessness; the administration of YouthCount 2.0, a program that provides the first-ever comprehensive look into youth homelessness in the greater Houston area; staff capacity building to support previous grants; and the design and implementation of a community plan to address youth homelessness. If you are interested in joining the fund or have questions, contact Diana Zarzuelo at dzarzuelo@ghcf.org or 713-333-4614.

EDUCATION LEARNING SERIES
The Education Learning Series convenes donors who share an interest in education together for learning opportunities and shared discussions on the latest issues and trends from experts in the field. There is a core group of donors who serve as our thought partners and suggest topics for upcoming luncheons. If you have questions about the series or would like to attend a meeting, please contact Diana Zarzuelo at dzarzuelo@ghcf.org or 713-333-4614.

The Center for Family Philanthropy (CFP) helps donors amplify their generosity and ensure their legacy. The CFP offers next gen and family programming, consulting services, peer-to-peer connections, and access to best practices in family philanthropy and legacy planning. For more information, contact Jennifer Touchet at jtouchet@ghcf.org or 713-333-2228.

NEXT GEN DONOR INSTITUTE
The Next Gen Donor Institute and Alumni Network is a program for donors (ages 25 – 40) who wish to develop a deeper understanding of their philanthropic journey and learn from their peers and community leaders about philanthropic trends and possibilities. Contact Jennifer Touchet at jtouchet@ghcf.org or 713-333-2228, to nominate a candidate. Self-nominations accepted.

FAMILY GIVING CIRCLE
The Family Giving Circle is an initiative that brings families together to give, learn, and make a difference in the Houston area. For more information on the Family Giving Circle or Youth Leadership Team opportunities, contact Allison Hale at ahale@ghcf.org or 713-333-2235.

Corporate Strategies
GHCF partners with companies to develop and administer a strategic corporate giving plan that makes an impact in the community, furthers the company's objectives, and supports employees’ philanthropic efforts. Corporate giving plans are strategically designed and implemented to enrich and streamline the company's philanthropic experience, and can include any of the following: corporate giving fund, grant making services, matching gifts program, scholarship funds, executive or individual donor advised funds, and employee disaster relief funds. To learn more about how we are expanding philanthropic impact with our corporate partners, contact Stephanie Blair at sblair@ghcf.org or 713-333-2233.