

# FFTC SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

A flexible solution to help individuals, businesses or nonprofits with complex needs meet their unique philanthropic goals.

A Type I supporting organization is an attractive option for donors who want relative autonomy, high deductibility and minimal administrative work. It is a separate legal entity formed as a corporation or trust which operates like a subsidiary of a corporation.

Foundation For The Carolinas can help donors establish and administer a Type I supporting organization with a minimum gift of \$2 million. The donor and FFTC collaborate to appoint a board, a majority of which must be appointed by FFTC, which is the supported organization.

This unique relationship with FFTC qualifies the supporting organization for treatment as a 501(c)(3) public charity by the IRS, allowing the donor to benefit from more advantageous charitable tax deductibility.

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### Is a Supporting Organization Right For You?

An FFTC Supporting Organization is a qualified, tax-exempt public charity that allows you, your family or your business to partner with Foundation For The Carolinas to maximize the impact of grantmaking.

There are many advantages to choosing an FFTC Supporting Organization:

- Broad grantmaking possibilities with support from FFTC's expert staff
- Public charity tax deduction
- No annual payout requirement
- Increased charitable deductibility relative to your adjusted gross income
- Significant tax advantages for gifts of closely held stock, real property and similar assets
- Governance and administrative support from FFTC staff
- Ability to hire staff, convene a board and pay expenses
- Administrative oversight, including IRS-madated tax returns and annual audits handled by FFTC

### The Right Choice for Gifts of Business Interests

FFTC Supporting Organizations are particularly good solutions for gifts of privately held assets.

Governed by their own boards and strengthened by FFTC grantmaking services, they have access to a broad investment platform with the tax benefits of a public charity.

They offer the following additional benefits:

- Provide a charitable deduction based on the full fair market value, rather than based on tax valuation.
- Are not subject to the self-dealing rules or excess business holding rules that apply to both private foundations and donor advised funds. Excess business holding rules restrict how long the charitable entity can hold and invest in such assets.

## Demonstrated Expertise

Foundation For The Carolinas manages a variety of supporting organizations, each with its own structure and purpose:

#### Carolina Thread Trail

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation

**CMS** Foundation

**Crosland Foundation** 

E4E Relief

Family Impact Fund

Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community

Foundation for the Mint Museum

Greater Charlotte Cultural Trust

Queens University of Charlotte Endowment

Seymour Family Foundation

United Way Legacy Foundation

Philanthropy is an art that benefits everyone. Come be inspired.



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Charitable Vehicle	Type I Supporting Organization	Private Foundation
Donor Involvement	The governing board may include the donor and related persons, but the supported organization must appoint the majority of the board. The board approves all grants and investments.	The donor and related persons may serve on the governing board and they approve all grants and administration of the foundation.
Tax Status	Separately incorporated public charity under FFTC. Must apply to IRS for tax-exempt status.	Private charity, must apply to IRS for tax-exempt status.
Income Tax Deduction fo	or Gifts	
Cash	Up to 60% of AGI.	Up to 30% of AGI.
Appreciated Publicly Traded Stock	Full fair market value deductible up to 30% of AGI or cost basis deductible up to 50% of AGI.	Full fair market value deductible up to 20% of AGI.
Appreciated Real Estate and Closely Held Business Interests	Full fair market value deductible up to $30\%$ of AGI or cost basis deductible up to $50\%$ of AGI.	Cost basis deductible up to 20% of AGI.
Grantmaking	1	
Minimum Payout Requirements	None.	Annual payment of at least 5% of net assets, with penalty tax on undistributed amounts.
Administrative Consider	ations	
Start Up Costs	Varies, but minimally several thousands of dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees; often less than a private foundation when working with FFTC.	Varies, but minimally several thousands of dollars for legal and accounting expenses and filing fees (similar to corporate start-up).
Annual Costs	FFTC assesses annual administrative fees monthly based on the fair market value of the assets in the subsidiary foundation.	Can be costly, including administration, accounting and audit expenses.
Investments	The board directs investment strategy with access to FFTC's diverse and expertly managed investment options, or an outside manager can be utilized via the Investment Alliance Program.	Must establish, research and manage own investment vehicles, or hire an outside manager to do so.
Operations and Record Keeping	Provided or managed by FFTC.	Must establish, acquire and manage on its own.
Fiduciary Responsibility	FFTC works with subsidiary foundation board to fulfill fiduciary responsibilities.	Private foundation board has full fiduciary responsibilities.
Annual Requirements		
Annual Taxes	None.	Generally income tax exempt, but subject to excise tax of up to 2% of net investment income, including capital gains.

## The Seymour Family Foundation

The Seymour Family Foundation was established in 2015 by Bill and Emmaday Seymour as a Type I



Bill Seymour

supporting organization of Foundation For The Carolinas.

Critical to his decision to establish a supporting organization – as opposed to a private foundation or other philanthropic fund – was the fact that Bill wanted his business, Primax Properties, to be a major part of his current and future giving strategy. Bill's desire is that Primax continue on after his death in order to provide for the "family" of Primax employees and leverage its continued success for philanthropic impact.

The Type I supporting organization structure best accomplishes both objectives. The Seymour Family Foundation will be funded primarily with cash during Bill and Emmaday's lifetimes, but at maturity, Primax Properties will be owned by the Foundation, which will hold its nonvoting interests. This provides for the continuation of the business. led by the remaining members of the Primax leadership team, while the Seymour Family Foundation can use the net profits to fund worthy causes and organizations, in keeping with Bill and Emmaday's charitable goals.

