"Change is the only constant in life." - Heraclitus

Do you have a charitable passion and want to make a lasting impact, but are unsure how to plan today for the uncertain needs of tomorrow?

If so, you may want to incorporate an FFTC Field of Interest Fund into your giving strategy, including your planned gifts. Leverage the Foundation’s expertise to strategically award grants to nonprofits making an impact within your unique interest area, even as needs and circumstances evolve over time.

Give to Specific Areas Close to Your Heart

By naming an area of charitable interest – perhaps a narrowly defined cause or within a specific city or region – you ensure that the spirit of your gift is maintained, while the Foundation has the flexibility to award grants where they are needed most.

For example, with an FFTC Field of Interest Fund you can:

- Specify your gift to benefit nonprofits in your hometown – even beyond our 13-county region.
- Support educational programs for a specific age range, like pre-k or high school.
- Provide funding to help homeless women or victims of domestic abuse.
- Focus your giving solely on spay/neuter clinics for the animal of your choice.

Your Generosity Meets Our Grantmaking Expertise

Your FFTC Field of Interest Fund will benefit from decades of grantmaking expertise, maximizing the impact of your generous gift.

Since 1958, FFTC has served as a civic leader, catalyzing positive change in our region. Working alongside community partners, we transform targeted investments into philanthropic impact.

Our grantmaking team and volunteer advisory committees study the issues in various investment areas and identify key opportunities, engaging experts and diverse community members. Then, we make strategic investments — using discretionary gifts entrusted to FFTC by forward-thinking donors — to address the most compelling needs.
**FFTC FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

Supporting Your Favorite Causes, Together

*Donors have chosen to create FFTC Field of Interest Funds to make an impact in a variety of causes, with various levels of specificity. Let their generosity inspire your own giving plan.*

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**Katie Tyler**

Katie Tyler considers philanthropy to be a legacy gift from her parents, who expected her and her siblings to give a portion of their allowance to those in need.

As a child she sometimes gave to feed stray animals. And as an adult, her love of animals – particularly companion animals – only increased.

To that end, she designated a planned gift that will create an FFTC Field of Interest Fund to support causes that reduce euthanasia, eliminate abuse and neglect, keep companion animals with those who love them, and provide “Good Samaritan” funds for veterinarians to cover costs pet owners might not otherwise be able to pay.

Tyler selected an FFTC Field of Interest Fund because she recognized that conditions never stay the same – organizations close and new challenges or opportunities arise. This vehicle allows FFTC the flexibility to assess the most impactful opportunities in the future.

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**The Ginter Foundation**

Karl and Anna Ginter immigrated to the United States in 1927 and settled in Charlotte. During their lifetimes, they created a charitable trust to support nonprofits in the Charlotte area. After their passing, the trustees established The Ginter Foundation at FFTC as a field of interest fund that supports programs for vulnerable immigrant populations.

Through the years, the Ginter Foundation has provided substantial support to the Ginter Immigration Law Clinic at International House and has created the Karl and Anna Ginter Fellowship for immigrant and first-generation students at Queens University of Charlotte.

As a field of interest fund, the awarded grants align with the Ginters’ vision. However, grantmaking from the Ginter Foundation has the flexibility to evolve as immigrant needs change.