UUCSV Endowment Fund

What is The UUCSV Endowment Fund?

- The UUCSV Endowment Fund has been in existence since the 1990s, built with many contributions of various sizes. Donations to the Endowment Fund are charitable donations.
- The **purpose of the UUCSV endowment is to help secure, strengthen, and extend the long-term survival and mission of UUCSV.** It is primarily used to strengthen UUCSV programs that are *not normally funded by the operating fund and to extend the reach of UUCSV in the community.* The Endowment Fund is a restricted fund held primarily as an investment account to help in special circumstances, in times of great opportunity, and, as a last resort, as a security cushion to get through an emergency.
- UUCSV members and friends have created this endowment trust fund because **they want to make a difference in a legacy for the future.**
- The **Endowment Fund Committee (EFC)** is appointed by the UUCSV Board of Directors to oversee the Fund and to implement grants to further church ministry. The Board of Directors has final oversight.

How is the Endowment Fund built?

- Donations are welcome from members, friends, family, and the extended community at any time. Donations may be made in person, by mail, online or by special arrangement.
- Donating to the UUCSV Endowment is **frequently chosen by members, friends, and family either to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed away or to recognize and honor someone special at any time.** (Donation form is on the back side.)
- The Endowment **is also a way for people to leave a legacy**; individuals can include the UUCSV Endowment in their wills and estate planning.

How does the Endowment Fund Committee support the mission and work of the church?

- Each year, the EFC may release a certain amount of money, depending on market conditions, to fund activities that are *not* part of the church operating budget. Projects have included community outreach, special music for church services, sound system improvements, religious and spiritual education, joint projects with the community, amongst many others. Such projects would not be possible without the Endowment support. Individuals, groups or committees may make requests for project funding.
- Projects are funded by the EFC based the quality of the proposal, benefit to the church, UUA, or the community, cost effectiveness, amount requested, and reasonableness of proposal.

A brief outline of the funding process for grant applications from the congregation:

- January – The EFC issues a call for grant applications and makes the application form available.
- March – Deadline for grant applications.
- April – The EFC reviews applications and may request additional information from applicants.
- May – The EFC approves appropriate applications which must then be reviewed by the Board.
- June – Grant awardees are announced at the UUCSV Annual Meeting. Spending may begin in July.
- December – All grants should be completed and a final report (specific form) submitted to the EFC.

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Donation Form for the UUCSV Endowment Fund

Donor Name(s):

Donor mailing address for receipt:

Donor preferred telephone contact (indicate if mobile or landline):

Amount donated:

Any special instructions for this donation, such as donating in memory of someone or donating in honor of someone. Also indicate if you prefer the donation to be made anonymously.

Name and address of person to be notified if donating in memory or honor of someone, if you want us to notify them:

Donations may be mailed to: UUCSV Endowment Fund, P O Box 1574, Stephens City, VA 22655. Donations may also be sealed in an envelope and given directly to the church administrator's office.

You may contact the UUCSV administrator at administrator@uushenandoah.org or 540-899-6965. The administrator can put you in touch with the Endowment Fund Committee for additional information. There is also an option to donate on the UUCSV website https://www.uushenandoah.org/pages/donate-online. Choose "Give to Endowment Fund" from the drop-down menu.