

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION



“Friends of the Foundation is a way for individuals and businesses to make a difference locally.”

Becoming a Friend of the Foundation is easy; anyone who makes a donation or sets up a standing order has the option of becoming a Friend of the Foundation. We pool all of our Friends donations together to create a large funding pot with the Friends Grants Panel deciding which groups and projects they wish to support.

With the support of staff at the Foundation, Friends are advised on the varying needs within the County, ensuring that the funds are directed to help those who are facing the greatest challenges in our communities.

Once a year, eligible Friends are invited to attend a dedicated grants panel, where groups and projects can pitch their ideas. All of our Friends are invited to see the difference their donations have made through project visits and attendance at our acclaimed Annual Awards Ceremony.



How it works - we make your donation go further

When you make your donation we split it three ways;

Today

50% of your donation is used immediately to support local need.

Tomorrow

50% of your donation is invested into the Friends of the Foundation endowment fund, so we can make grants long into the future.

Our development

Your gift aid and corporate support contributes towards the Foundation's own charitable purposes.



Friends of the Foundation **grants panel**

Based on a chosen theme, Friends are invited to attend an annual grants panel, where community groups pitch their project ideas to the panel. After several short presentations, the panel are given the opportunity to ask questions and decide which projects they'd like to fund. The successful groups are then visited six months later. This enables Friends to see the difference their donation has made.

Levels of **giving**

| One | Two | Three |
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| <p>For donations up to £1000</p> <p>Friends of the Foundation are kept up to date via our e-newsletter and invited to attend our Annual Awards.</p> <p>Friends are also welcome to attend the arranged project visits to see the difference their money has made.</p> | <p>For donations between £1000 and £2500</p> <p>Friends of the Foundation receive all the benefits as option one plus invitations to attend our key events; for example our Hidden Needs and our Impact Review</p> <p>Friends are also invited to attend the annual grants panel to decide where their money is spent.</p> | <p>For donations between £2500 and £10,000</p> <p>Friends of the Foundation receive all of the benefits in options one and two plus an option to split your donation and support other causes close to your heart.</p> <p>With the dedicated support of staff at the Foundation, we'll work with you to make your philanthropic giving go further. Friends are also invited to exclusive events with our Chair and Patron.</p> |



The role **you can play**

The support and contribution that our Friends of Foundation make is fundamental in ensuring we are able to continue our vital work. We ask our Friends to act as ambassadors for the Foundation by helping to spread the word which connects us with others who also want to make a difference.

Community news:

You can see the difference your contribution is making, through:



Regular newsletters to keep you up to date with the projects you have supported.



Details of events and what's happening at the Foundation that may be of wider interest to you.

Other benefits include:



A tailored Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) package for corporate friends.



Acknowledgement of support in Northamptonshire Community Foundation publications and website.



Press release acknowledgements in local media and through social media networks.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS THINK

“The Fortitude team is delighted to be part of the Friends of the Foundation giving circle, working with the Community Foundation and other Friends to support projects within our community.”

**Neil Bailey CFPCM, Director
Fortitude Financial Planning**



Northamptonshire Community Foundation does a magnificent job in lifting the prospects of those who have poor opportunities and so we are delighted to support them through Friends of the Foundation. We wish the Foundation and all its beneficiaries every success.

**John Dix, Managing Partner
Hewitsons**



I am delighted to support the Northamptonshire Community Foundation and be part of Friends of the Foundation. I have been impressed with the variety of projects the Foundation are involved in, and the many differing age groups those benefit. I really like too the fact I am supporting a local cause and that the Foundation offers its Friends of opportunities to see first-hand the work their donations are helping fund.”

Alistair Jepson, The Upper Limb Company



SP Law is delighted to have joined Northamptonshire Community Foundation’s local giving circle, Friends of the Foundation. The Foundation is making a real improvement to the communities in which we live and work, we hope our support will make a difference now, and for generations to come.

**Hassan Shah, Partner
SP Law**



Howes Percival have been delighted to have been a Friend of the Foundation for the past few years, it has given us access to networking opportunities we wouldn’t otherwise have had.

**Gerald Couldrake, Partner,
Howes Percival**

