


The Walter Foundation


Leveraging transformational giving in order to uplift people, strengthen non-profit organizations, and inspire others to give.


CORE AREAS OF GIVING

The Walter Foundation makes transformational gifts to enhance the health, educational attainment, and quality of life for people in central Ohio and other communities of importance to the Walter family. The Walter Foundation prioritizes its philanthropy around three core areas of giving.

Woven throughout these areas of giving is an overarching commitment to helping children, uplifting the vulnerable, advancing the Catholic faith, and supporting other faith-based initiatives that help people reach their full potential, live healthy and productive lives, and spread kindness to others.

 **Health & Wellbeing** – The Walter Foundation helps meet basic needs and increases access to health care for the most vulnerable people in the community.

 **Education** – Providing avenues to education is a means to lift up people of all ages and is not limited to traditional pathways. The Walter Foundation places a strong emphasis on helping people access a range of educational opportunities from pre-Kindergarten through college, and technical or trade school, along with learning opportunities outside the classroom.

 **Quality of Life** – The Walter Foundation believes in the power of helping children and adults overcome socioeconomic, physical, emotional, and geographic barriers so they may experience a breadth of life-building opportunities.

CORE BELIEFS

The Walters' giving philosophy is centered around the following core beliefs:

- The Walters commitment to giving stems from their belief that they have a responsibility to give back to the community that gave so much to them as they grew up in central Ohio, built a business, and raised a family. They believe giving becomes its own reward when lives are uplifted and transformed for the better.
- Giving should leverage an array of assets to the greatest extent possible and utilize more than financial means to provide support to others. They will actively give by leveraging their expertise, volunteerism, and other community resources to uplift people and non-profit organizations.
- Investing alongside other partners can extend the positive societal impact they seek to achieve. Their philanthropy can inspire others to give.

Transformational giving occurs through early investments in projects that help strengthen non-profit organizations and advance their work in a more strategic and sustainable way, while making a positive, measurable impact on the people they serve.

It reflects an entrepreneurial spirit that begins with an early financial investment and includes active giving and accountability in order to achieve a transformational outcome.

GIVING CRITERIA

- **Geographic Location** – The Walter Foundation prioritizes its philanthropy in Central Ohio. Consideration also will be given to grantees in other communities outside Central Ohio that are important to the Walter family.
- **Transformational Gifts** – A majority of annual giving will be allocated to support gifts deemed “transformational.” Transformational gifts are generally considered to be single or multi-year requests that result in measurable, positive change for the grantee. Transformational gifts will be considered upon receiving a completed grant request form from the applicant that describes how such a gift will make a transformational impact.
- **Gift Type** – The Walter Foundation will prioritize gifts to support capital, programming, scholarships, campaign matches, and seed grants.
- **Gift Payments** – Gifts will be paid out over a maximum of five years. The timing of payments will be determined in collaboration with the grantee in order to ensure the funds are spent during a timeframe that maximizes the benefit to the grantee.
- **Applications** – Completed grant request forms will be accepted and considered on a quarterly basis upon invitation to apply.

For grant inquiries, please contact:

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ABOUT THE WALTERS

Bob and Peggy Walter wholeheartedly believe in the power of lifting up people in need and the non-profit organizations that serve them. Throughout their lives, they each had personal experiences that shaped this deep commitment to helping others. The Walters view philanthropy as a personal responsibility and find joy in sharing their gifts in order to create tangible and sustained positive impact throughout the community.

The Walters were both blessed to be raised in loving, stable, faith-filled families, and grateful for the strong foundation this provided. They were keenly aware of the ways in which their parents helped friends, neighbors, acquaintances – and sometimes even strangers - in times of need. Through these early experiences, Bob and Peggy quickly recognized that not all children were born into stable and supportive families like they were, and many adults need a helping hand in order to travel a positive path in life. Helping vulnerable people is an important part of the Walters' philanthropy.

As founder and retired CEO of Cardinal Health, a global, integrated healthcare services and products company, Bob had a passion for improving patient lives and a reputation for giving back to the community. Peggy worked on behalf of children's and arts initiatives in several professional and volunteer roles throughout her life. Bob's entrepreneurialism and Peggy's hands-on volunteerism have shaped their commitment to active philanthropy.

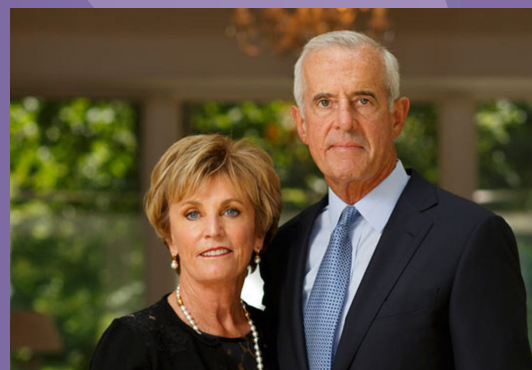


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“ Our ability to give comes from the many blessings we have received in life. Great joy comes from sharing these blessings with others. ”