

Southern Tier West Development Foundation

The Southern Tier West Development Foundation exists to help concerned individuals mobilize charitable giving to support the betterment of their cities, towns, and villages.

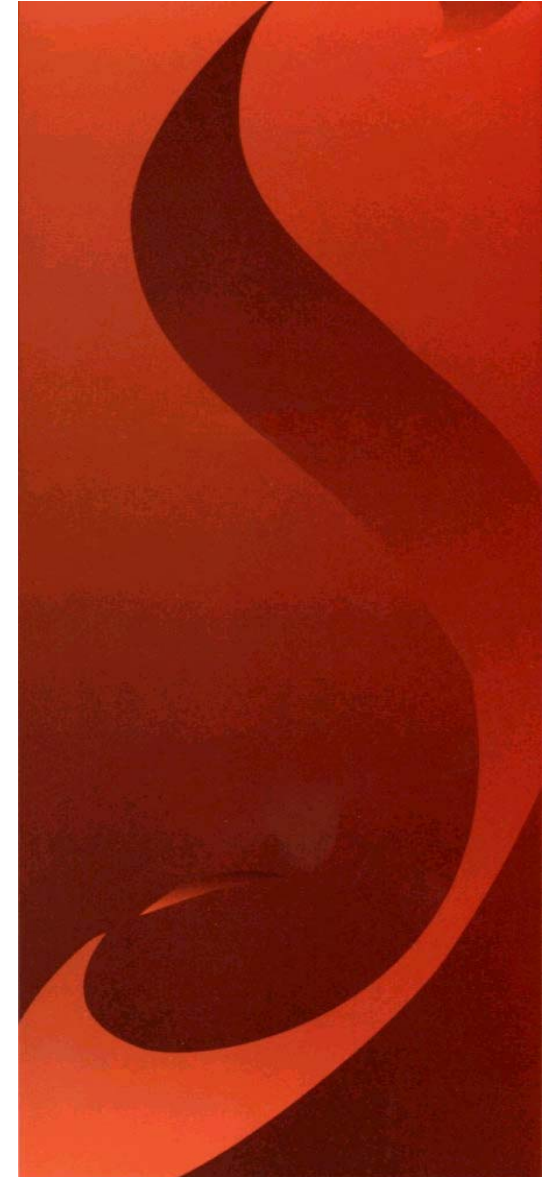
The Foundation is a nonprofit charitable corporation providing financial management, strategic development and education/training services to communities, organizations and donors throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties.

For more information about the Southern Tier West Development Foundation call 716/945-5301 or visit the website at www.stwdf.org.

The single most important factor in community success is involvement of citizens in their community. Your gifts of time, talent and dollars make a the difference.

**OUR COMMUNITY - WORTH THE
INVESTMENT!**

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Welcome to the Southern Tier West Development Foundation. We are a locally controlled, regional endowment created by and for the people and communities in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. We're governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and work to improve the region's quality of life and economic vitality by meeting changing needs, strengthening community capacity and helping important community and economic development projects find success.

While most charitable organizations fund their activities from annual contributions, we pool charitable contributions received from many different donors into permanent, income-earning endowment funds. Our role is to:

- Build and manage **PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**.
- Use the earnings from the endowment to support a **WIDE VARIETY** of regional and local community and economic development initiatives.
- Provide donors with a **FLEXIBLE** range of giving and disbursement options.

We enable people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about - immediately, or through their will. Donors can establish a charitable fund with us by contributing a variety of assets and may also recommend grants - in their name, if they choose - to communities and nonprofit groups they want to support.

We seek to serve as a catalyst for the region to recognize its strengths and to develop a common vision for the future. Our motto reflects this commitment: Our Community - Worth the Investment!

What Do We Do?

The Foundation has a concentrated and deliberate focus on **community vitality** and we consider the community to be the primary customer of our products and services. The grantmaking, convening, donor services and other program work we do with stakeholder, nonprofits, donors and partners are considered a means to the end of building stronger cities, towns, and villages.

Our vision is to become a philanthropic leader in building vibrant, strong communities for the region we serve. The mission of the Foundation is to strengthen the region by working in partnership with donors and community groups. We accomplish our mission by:

- Building philanthropic resources
- Connecting donors to organizations and programs they care about
- Making effective grants
- Providing leadership to address community issues

In our work we value:

- Trust, accountability, integrity and objectivity
- Non-partisan activities that bring people together around important community issues
- Learning and innovation
- Openness, inclusiveness and representation of the region's communities
- Building on community strengths
- Privacy of our donors
- Local leadership and civic engagement
- Professional development of STWDF staff, board and volunteers and the contributions they make to STWDF
- The strength and breadth of being a regional organization

Invest in Your Community

For more information about the benefits of personalized giving, please complete the form below.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone(____) _____ Email _____

___ Please send me more information on how to establish a charitable endowment fund through the STWDF

___ I would like to receive information on the following planning options:
 ___ Gifts that provide lifetime income
 ___ Gifts that avoid capital gains tax
 ___ Gifts that save on estate tax and probate costs
 ___ I would like someone to contact me

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