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Support local charities keeping our community strong

SYDNEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Collective Giving. Local Impact.

Introducing us: Sydney Community Foundation

Sydney Community Foundation has recently moved into Newtown, and we're here to be part of this community — not just work in it.

We connect people who care about Sydney with the local organisations doing important work. That might mean helping a small charity get the support it needs, backing a grassroots idea, or bringing people together to solve challenges facing our neighbourhoods.

We work with local businesses, community groups, donors and government to support practical, on-the-ground solutions — the kind that make a real difference to people's lives.

Some of the support we provide is immediate. Some is longer-term — through our Permanent Fund, which helps ensure there will always be funding available for community needs, now and into the future.

We listen, learn and respond to what matters most locally. And we're here for the long haul — committed to supporting Sydney communities regardless of changing priorities or funding cycles.

If you'd like to connect, collaborate, or simply learn more about what we do, we'd love to meet you.

Our superpower lies in our ability to catalyse positive change and foster sustainable development within a community.

Photo: Sydney Community Foundation Board and CEO at our new home in Dickson Street Newtown

22 years of impact

Since 2004, Sydney Community Foundation has raised over $30 million for grassroots organisations and community-led solutions across Sydney

What we've built together

As Sydney has changed, so has our work.

We've championed gender equity through our Sydney Women's Fund, supported community-led initiatives across Western and South-Western Sydney, and seeded coalitions like Keeping Women Out of Prison to drive long-term change for women and families.

In times of crisis, we've mobilised quickly — supporting communities through COVID-19, responding to domestic and sexual violence, and helping resettle women and children arriving in Sydney from conflict.

We've also partnered with local organisations, businesses and government to direct funding where it's needed most — always grounded in the communities we serve.

A simple idea, still guiding us

At the heart of our work is a simple belief: people helping people.

Together with donors, partners and communities, we've built more than programs — we've helped create connection, opportunity, and a stronger, fairer Sydney.

Photo: Ukranian Helping Hand Project community in Sydney

There's no better investment than in the place you love.

Sydney Community Foundation is an independent, community-led foundation, run by Sydneysiders for Sydneysiders

How we work with you

We make it easy to give in a way that is thoughtful, local and lasting.

Partners, donors and grantees value being part of a broad, generous, connected community and actively work to advance community-driven solutions.

Ways to give

Start a Donor Advised Fund
A named fund in your family or business name.
You can support the causes you care about now, while building a lasting source of funding for the future — with as much or as little involvement as you like.

Give to our Impact Funds
Support focused work across Sydney — including women's safety, community wellbeing and opportunity.
We take care of the research, relationships and grantmaking, so your giving goes where it's needed most.

Leave a Bequest
A gift in your Will.
A simple way to stay connected to the community you care about, and create impact for future generations.

Contribute to the Permanent Fund
A long-term fund for Sydney.
Your contribution is invested, with returns distributed each year — ensuring ongoing support for community needs.

Why people choose us
We live and work in the communities we support.
We know the organisations doing the work, and we back them for the long term — not just in moments of crisis, but as part of building a stronger Sydney over time.

Our Focus Areas

- Building the Sydney Communtiy Foundation Permanent Fund for Perpetual Impact
- Opportunity and Equity for Women and Families
- Belonging and Wellbeing
- Education and Employment Pathways
- Transforming Communities and Place

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