Why we do what we do
Living in Cumbria has some serious upsides. It can also be tough. Really tough. The beautiful landscape we live and work in, hides intense poverty.

Since 1999, with the help of businesses and individuals across the county and beyond, we have raised and given out more than £60 million.

Giving through Cumbria Community Foundation changes lives for the better. Every donation makes a real difference to the lives of local people, whether grants are awarded to help those who are most vulnerable, increase employability and access to services, improve health and wellbeing or keep communities safe.

Our grants help a wide number of people, including youngsters, vulnerable adults, people with disabilities, those recovering from illness, unemployed people and low income families.

The last few years have highlighted more than ever the need for community support. For businesses that want to make a difference, we offer a range of options to help you make a social impact and meet your corporate social responsibility goals.

How you can support us

**Fundholder**
Set up or build a fund

**Membership**
Become a member (corporate or individual)

**Donate**
Donate to, or fundraise for, one of our appeals or existing funds

**Nominate**
Nominate CCF as your charity of the year

We can help you transform lives in your local community.
Many of our members and supporters provide donations to our established funds. This can also be a great way of including your staff to help fundraise in supporting the local community. We have received donations through cake sales, Christmas jumper days, coffee mornings and even rounders tournaments to name just a few.

**Cumbria Fund**

It provides funds for projects countywide to improve lives by tackling issues around health and mental wellbeing, increasing life skills, education and employability skills and strengthens community cohesion.

**Winter Warmth Fund**

Our annual appeal provides vital financial help with energy costs to residents over 60. High levels of hard to heat housing stock and fuel poverty mean on average 300 Cumbrians die of cold related illnesses every year. Your donation will make a difference to someone’s life.

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### Become a corporate member

Many companies in Cumbria have chosen to become a corporate member of the Foundation.

As well as helping support the work we do through the membership fee, members benefit from invitations to our events, a listing in our Annual Review and on our website, and featured in our newsletter.

We have two levels of membership – standard and challenge. Our Challenge members pay a higher fee as an easy and effective way of giving that little bit extra and in return receive an invitation to an exclusive networking event.

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### Set up your own fund

We manage well over 100 grant making funds on behalf of businesses and individuals, each of which is set up in line with the donors wishes to address a range of issues across the county.

As a fundholder you can name your fund e.g. with your company name.

Some of our donors set up a fund with a significant donation, but many build their fund from zero in what we call an Acorn Fund. There is no minimum donation or time limit on reaching the £25,000 threshold at which the fund starts making grants.

A dedicated Grants Officer manages each fund, assessing applications and distributing grants, and publicising the funds.

Outcomes from the grants made from your fund are monitored and annual fund reports created so you can demonstrate your social impact and how you are helping your community.

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