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- **Providing Planned Giving Support**
- **Leading Community Initiatives**
  - Community for All Ages Coalition, Shared Care
  - Free Health Clinic
- **Providing Nonprofit Asset Development**
- **Facilitating a Youth Advisory Council**
- **Providing Donor Services**
  - Donor Advised Funds, Endowment Funds, Legacy Planning, Scholarship Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities

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