

In the Spirit of Giving

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Matt Buehrer's legacy gift is designed to promote a spirit of community and generosity among the citizens of Tipp City.

Buehrer said The Spirit of Tipp City Fund was established as his way to give back to a community that has become his home and provided the synergy for his business – Thrivent Financial Services - to succeed.

"Tipp City has been so gracious to me, and my business has thrived because of the support I have here. I just wanted to give back to show my appreciation and to emphasize generosity – ideas that I try to instill with my members and the organizations I work with in the community," Buehrer said. "This is the legacy I would love to be able to create once I leave this world to meet my maker."

A native of northwest Ohio and graduate of Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Buehrer moved to the area more than 30 years ago to teach music and coach wrestling in the Vandalia-Butler school district.

A few years after arriving in Tipp City, he made a career change joining Thrivent as a financial professional. Matt celebrated his 30th anniversary with the organization in November 2018.

He has two grown children - Jessica and Kyle - both Tippecanoe High School and college graduates now pursuing their careers. "I really feel Tipp City is

an amazing community to raise a family. It has been a wonderful place to live," Buehrer said, describing his children as "amazing kids."

The Spirit of Tipp City Fund will award grants for projects or activities that engage citizens in hands-on involvement that better the community and have the citizens of Tipp City as their primary focus.

As a financial professional, Buehrer said he used the same "wise with money" philosophy in developing his legacy plan as he does with his members in their planning. "One of the goals when transitioning assets is to use funds that will allow for the maximum tax efficiency when going to charity. It is best to use funds where dollar for dollar can go directly to a charity and not have a drag from a taxation standpoint," he said.

Buehrer said he chose to leave his legacy through a foundation in his own backyard for several reasons.

"I want to work with the foundation here locally because of the commitment they have to the community," he said. "I love the idea of leaving a legacy plan to a foundation rather than individual charities because you have oversight and professional management. This allows the charity to focus on the spirit of the gift and spending the income generated from it rather than managing the investments of the fund."

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