

The Elim Endowment for Mission Fund

Have you ever wondered what the Elim Endowment for Mission is all about?

Elim's Endowment for Mission Fund started in the early 1990's and exists today due to the vision and efforts of Rollie Leeburg, a former, longtime member. Financial grants from the Elim Endowment Fund have helped many groups and organizations across our community and beyond. Special projects at Elim have also been supported by the Endowment Fund. Currently, the Elim Endowment Fund has approximately \$200,000 of which 4% is distributed yearly by the five-member, elected Elim Endowment Committee in partnership with Elim's Leadership Team.

The concept is simple. Gifts of money, property, or other assets are donated by individuals either directly or through legal processes such as wills or trusts. As the Endowment Fund grows from gifts received, the principal is retained and invested. Proceeds from the investments are then distributed to worthwhile and needy causes such as the Redwood Empire Food Bank, Una Vida, Elim Centennial Project, PEP Housing, McDowell Family Resource Center, Elim's RIC program, New Life Band, COTS, Festival Choir Musicians, Mexico House Building, Elim Sound System Upgrade, Latino Service Providers, Petaluma Bounty, Elim GEMS, Elim Youth Gathering, and more. Endowment Funds cannot be used to supplement Elim's operating budget.

Right now, groups and organizations in the Petaluma area are struggling to make ends meet with cuts to services making that struggle even harder. The Elim Endowment Fund is one source that strives to help these groups and organizations achieve their goals.

If you are able, please consider contributing to the Elim Endowment Fund this year and in the future. There are a number of ways to do this:

- One-time monetary gift
- A monetary gift in someone's memory or honor
- Estate planning to include the **Elim Endowment for Mission Fund**
 - Deferred giving through a will or trust
 - Other assets (real estate, stocks, etc.)

Your planned gift to the Elim Endowment Fund will be a blessing to help accomplish "good works" for Elim's mission now and in the future. Your gift is eligible for tax benefits as advised by your tax advisor. Your extraordinary compassion is a blessing, and your kindness offers a love beyond the challenges and hardships for people struggling in our community. On behalf of the many groups and organizations you help throughout the year, thank you for your support!

The Elim Endowment Committee is always interested in new opportunities to support our community. If you have any ideas about groups or organizations who could benefit from a financial grant, please let us know.