

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is a resource to private foundations and works closely with them to increase the impact of their giving across the community.

As the community foundation for Greater Hartford, we are committed to bringing together resources, both human and financial, to improve the lives of all residents in the region. Collaborating with donors at every level, nonprofits of every kind and community leaders from every sector, we continue to build partnerships, empower decisions and inspire lasting change. Together, we are making change for good.

We partner with private foundations in several ways:

- **A trusted resource**

As a broad-based community funder, the Hartford Foundation touches most areas of the nonprofit sector. We are able to serve as a resource and share our knowledge about potential funding opportunities in Greater Hartford and beyond. The Hartford Foundation provides expertise in a range of areas of community life, including:

- Education – early childhood, secondary and postsecondary
- Housing and workforce development
- Arts and culture
- Healthy families

- **Aligning missions**

With an eye on outcomes, we welcome conversations about ways to align grantmaking with private foundations in areas of mutual interest to maximize charitable impact in the community.

- **Charitable funds**

When private foundations face the challenge of meeting the 5 percent distribution requirement, the Hartford Foundation may offer an attractive solution. We can accept contributions from private foundations, which would be considered “qualified distributions.” When donated to a donor-advised fund, individuals can then continue to recommend grants from the fund, having met the private foundation payout requirement.

“I had confidence that the Hartford Foundation would carry out my charitable intentions. It has served the Greater Hartford region since 1925 and is deeply connected to the community. I appreciate the personalized service, knowledgeable professional staff and flexibility the Foundation offers.”

– Dick Brainerd,
Advisor to The
Lyman B. Brainerd
Family Foundation
Fund



• Termination

When founders of private foundations reach the stage at which oversight, administration and compliance are becoming unwieldy and costly, donor-advised funds serve as a flexible option. Assets from dissolving a private foundation may be used to establish a donor-advised fund at the Hartford Foundation. Donor-advised funds offer donor engagement, as desired, and the assurance that one's charitable goals will be met.

Our strong partnerships with businesses, private foundations, nonprofit organizations and other community organizations are rooted in the belief that cross-sector, collective action is more powerful than independent action.

The challenges facing our diverse communities, families and individuals — of education, health, poverty — are too large to be solved by the resources of any one player acting alone. When we combine resources, however, we achieve meaningful change.

We invite private foundations to partner with us in this important work.

For more information about ways in which the Hartford Foundation can be a resource to a private foundation, please contact us at 860-548-1888.

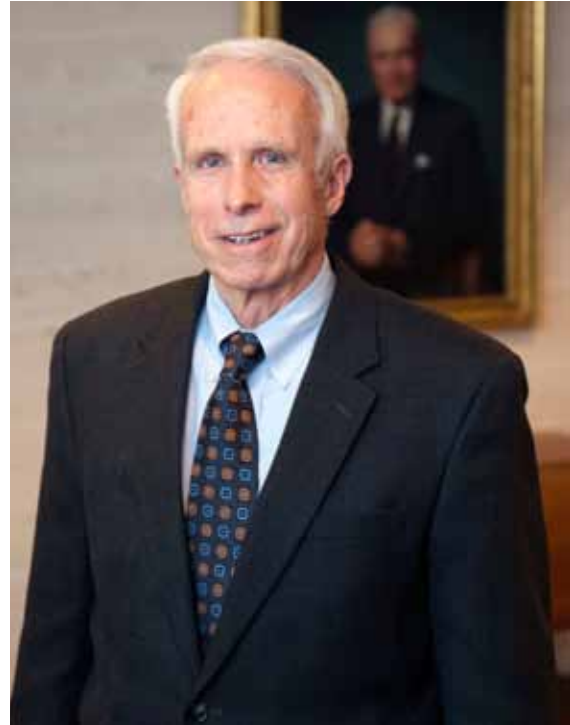


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Dick Brainerd in front of a portrait of Lyman Brainerd

Lyman Brainerd, former president of Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, sat on numerous nonprofit boards and gave generously to local organizations. He believed in “giving while you are living,” and set up the Lyman B. Brainerd Family Foundation in 1993.

After the passing of Lyman and his wife, the family continued the work of the foundation, which included dealing with the complexities of foundation management.

The Lyman's family attorney suggested dissolving the private foundation and transferring its assets into a donor-advised fund at the Hartford Foundation. Son Richard (“Dick”) followed that advice and transferred his share of the assets to establish The Lyman B. Brainerd Family Foundation Fund.

The fund allows Dick to honor the memory of his father and support causes he cares about...without the headaches of running a private foundation.