



The Dozier Fund

When David Dozier was growing up, his mom gave him advice that had a profound and lasting impact. “Do things for your community that have lasting impact,” she would say. And she led by example so that her son grew to value the life-changing effect of small contributions.

It is this ripple effect that David and Debbie Dozier have worked toward since their early days with the Foundation, as members of its young donors group, the Future Fund. The Doziers believe that everybody has the opportunity to give, to create change, and to help shape communities. David says his parents taught him how to live modestly while putting money toward something with lasting value. David and Debbie knew that they wanted to establish an endowment fund at some point, and this was their year.

The Dozier Family Fund will benefit the arts, a homage to David’s parents, Vi and Forrest Dozier of Carlsbad, NM, who were both artists and understood the benefits the arts provide to a community. In addition, the couple plans to grow the fund to include programs that are near to their hearts. Their son, who struggles with Asperger’s, inspired them as he broke through barriers with the help of great teachers and organizations that understood the need for different teaching techniques based on an individual child’s needs. In the future, they would like to include funding for programs for children with similar special needs. Today, their son has found his place, his own passion for life and is living and working on his own.

The Doziers and their fund are proof of what investment in community means and can be. They are proof that humble beginnings can build larger-than-life generosity. They have a vision for their city that is bigger than they are, bigger than circumstance. And that’s no small thing.