

THE MENTORING MEN

FUTURES FUND

A LONG-TERM IDEA

A donated foundation and small, regular investments could create lasting income for free mentoring.

BUILT WITH FOUNDING PARTNERS

Back the design, become a founding donor or bring the investment expertise to make it work.



WHY A FUTURES FUND

MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

Free mentoring takes more than a good match. It takes volunteers, intake, matching, check-ins, supervision and the team behind them.

A lasting income stream would give us more room to plan that work year after year. Donations and grants still meet today's needs; the fund would add a longer horizon.

THE PROPOSED FIRST USE

Once the fund earns enough to distribute responsibly, that income could help pay for eligible, verified mentoring matches.

OUR AIM / NOT SECURED

A STRONGER BASE

Even a modest share of annual costs would help sustain mentoring and the team behind it.



THE CORE IDEA

Founding philanthropy would create our donated foundation. Small, regular investments could grow a separate community-owned balance. Available income could support mentoring.

A GIFT AND AN INVESTMENT HAVE DIFFERENT OWNERS

TWO SOURCES. ONE AMBITION.

A founding gift and community investments would build the pool in different ways. Their capital, earnings and rights must be kept separate.

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FOUNDING PHILANTHROPY

An illustrative \$2 million founding gift could create our invested foundation. MM would own the gift and all its returns. Earnings we retain stay invested; distributions from that foundation support mentoring. No gift is secured.

An irrevocable MM-owned gift.

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

People could add small, regular investments and keep an interest in their capital. They could receive, reinvest or gift income, with access and withdrawal rules agreed before any offer.

Investor-owned capital interest.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT / SEPARATE OWNERSHIP RECORDS

We need a structure that protects both sets of rights and clearly accounts for income, costs and distributions.



THE DESIGN QUESTION

Investment and legal partners would help settle the structure, investor protections, access rules and reporting before any offer.

SMALL REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BUILD THE BASE



AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIFE / WORK, HOME, A BEER WITH A MATE

GROW IT TOGETHER.

A small, regular investment could help grow the fund and its future earning capacity. Each investor would keep a separate financial interest.

01**ADD TO THE POOL**

People could invest a modest amount each month. \$10 is one illustration, not a minimum. New investment remains investor-owned capital; it is not paid straight to mentoring.

02**CHOOSE WHAT HAPPENS TO INCOME**

Under a shared-income route, investors could receive or reinvest their portion. An alternative route would let them gift income once it belongs to them.

03**REQUEST ACCESS UNDER AGREED RULES**

Withdrawal requests would follow notice, valuation and liquidity rules agreed before an offer. Investment value, returns and immediate access cannot be guaranteed.

PARTICIPATION STILL NEEDS A VIABLE STRUCTURE

Investor protections, fees, ownership records, distributions and tax treatment all need to be settled with specialists.

HOW INVESTMENT INCOME COULD SUPPORT MENTORING

FROM THE POOL TO MENTORING.

Our first priority is an income stream for free, one-to-one life mentoring, drawn from available earnings rather than community investors' capital.



ILLUSTRATIVE FAMILY MOMENT / NOT A PARTICIPANT STORY

01**MANAGE THE POOL**

Bring together gifted founding capital and an independent investment partner under agreed oversight.

02**BUDGET RESPONSIBLY**

Model income, costs and reserves. Distribute only what the fund can sustain, then review actual performance.

03**FUND VERIFIED MATCHES**

Agree a payment for each eligible, verified mentoring match within that budget. Quarterly payments are one option to explore.

A MATCH IS A FUNDING TRIGGER, NOT THE WHOLE IMPACT STORY**SERVICE EVIDENCE**

Track verified matches, continuity, men's experience, support quality and safety over time.

FUND EVIDENCE

Track earnings, costs, reserves, distributions and the fund's resilience in weaker years.

THE DIFFERENT RIGHTS BEHIND THE SHARED FUND

WHO GETS THE INCOME?

Income from our donated foundation would belong to MM. Income on community investments would follow choices and terms agreed with investors.

MM'S DONATED FOUNDATION

MM would own all returns on its founding gift. Earnings kept in the pool would grow MM's balance; distributions would support mentoring.

COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTIONS

First retain a share of earnings. Then explore an investor-selected split of distributed community income. Our illustration gives MM at least 3%; final terms are not set.

AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT ROUTE

Alternatively, distributed income could belong to the investor first. They could then gift some or all to MM, subject to tax and receipt advice.



A GIFT AND AN INVESTMENT ARE DIFFERENT TRANSACTIONS

Community investors retain their capital interest. Under the alternative route, any gift comes from income that first belongs to them. The two giving routes would not be layered on top of each other. Returns, capital value and tax deductions are not guaranteed.

ONLY AFTER THE FUND CAN SUSTAIN ITS COMMITMENTS

A LATER POSSIBILITY.

Our first priority is lasting income for mentoring. If the fund later reaches an agreed size and can meet its commitments, we could consider using part of MM-owned donated seed for a substantial project.



ILLUSTRATIVE OBJECTS FROM THE SAME LIFE

NO AUTOMATIC TRIGGER

No threshold, amount, project or timing is agreed. The donor would need to support any later use of the gifted base.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL IS DISTINCT

This possibility concerns MM-owned donations, not community investors' capital or their withdrawal rights.

THE SPECIALIST WORK

Validate the vehicle, manager, legal and tax position, ownership records, fees, liquidity, reserves, distributions, gift receipts and downside scenarios before any offer.



AN ILLUSTRATIVE EVENING AT HOME

BACK THE FIRST STEP.

We are looking for partners to fund the design and feasibility work, explore a founding gift and bring the investment expertise needed to build a lasting source of support for mentoring.

01**BECOME A FOUNDING PARTNER**

Explore a philanthropic seed gift once the structure and terms are agreed.

02**BACK THE DESIGN WORK**

Fund investment, legal, tax, administration and impact design before any offer.

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