



# Helen Nelson

HELEN H. NELSON FUND

Strengthening our Community, Investing in its Future

**P**hilanthropy was a new adventure to Helen Nelson in 1980, but she was committed to giving back to her community. Helen established a donor advised fund at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to organize her philanthropy—and she loved every minute of it.

For nearly two decades Helen appreciated the expertise and research the Community

Foundation provided about issues affecting Kansas City. She also enjoyed receiving updates on the impact of her grants. Helen was passionate about supporting downtown revitalization, education, accessible arts and medical research.

At her death, Helen bestowed a living legacy for Kansas City's future generations. Her generosity will live on through the Helen H. Nelson Fund, dedicated to fulfilling Helen's charitable dreams for Kansas City's future.

## FROM COAST TO COAST

As a source of giving in America, bequests increased 16% from 2004 to 2006.

Source: Giving USA, Giving USA Foundation

## IN KANSAS CITY

In 2007, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation received more than \$5.3 million in bequests.

Source: Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

