The Eck Family Fund is a family affair.

The Eck Family Fund, established with the Community Foundation, was started by Linda and John Eck Sr., but it is a fund that their four children contribute to and will help decide where the donations will be directed.

“It's a lot of fun to sit down and see your family buy into it,” Eck Sr. said. “It's fun to see them recognize what it takes to get something done and be in position to help those who need it.”

The tradition of giving back is nothing new for the Eck family. John Sr. has served on several boards, including the Community Foundation board. Setting up a fund that will benefit the community after he is gone was very appealing to him.

“I've worked in Springfield all my life and gotten a lot from the community,” Eck said. “I've always been heavy in volunteering and giving back. I have four children who I think feel the same way.”

Linda and John Sr. began working towards the fund’s creation several years prior to its establishment. They asked their children, Cris, John Jr., Thomas and Paula, to contribute to the fund as much as they felt capable. The Eck children along with Linda will sit on a board to determine the yearly donations to nonprofit organizations. The donations will focus on Springfield area organizations, but occasionally might benefit organizations in Cincinnati and Milwaukee where two of the Eck children reside.

“It’s a nice family thing,” Eck Sr. said. “It’s nice to get them in the process of thinking that way.”