Timing is everything. For Bill Hahn and his family, the time came for the family to move forward in organizing its philanthropic efforts. The decision led to the establishment of the **Hahn Family Fund** through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

“I’ve been following the Community Foundation, what it does and how it works for awhile. I felt it was time to do this,” Hahn said. “I’m looking down the road. This way we can put money on the side and do something with it. Even beyond our time there will be money in there to contribute to causes we are interested in.”

Hahn has been active in Catholic Charities throughout the years, but this fund does not have a specific charitable focus and the versatility the donor-advised fund allows is one of the appeals for Hahn. Whatever is decided, it will be discussed as a family. Bill and Gail Hahn have four children, Bret, Julie, Carin and Marcia. All four children and their grandchildren live in Illinois.

“This is something our kids can contribute to as a family too,” Hahn said. “We are choosing something we can do as a family. They are well aware of it.”

The tradition of giving back is one Hahn learned from his parents and has worked to establish in his family.

“I came from parents that would give back,” said Hahn, who is active in several businesses in the area including Northfield Inn and Suites and Ramada Limited North near Dirksen and Sangamon Avenue. “I learned from that. I think it’s real important. Our children have learned and do a good job on that.”

The philosophy has only entrenched further as time has passed.

“As you get a little bit older you understand a little more and if you are fortunate to have something, it’s important to help other people who maybe the world hasn’t been as good as it’s been to you,” Hahn said.