Neal Miller has stopped the end of the year rush. The traditional end of the year philanthropic decisions will be spread throughout the calendar with the establishment of the Miller Family Fund through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

“We think it’s a great vehicle for us to allocate dollars, to be able to make distributions through the year,” Miller said. “Historically, there is a rush to make financial distributions in the last quarter. There are needs throughout the year and you can donate the money more through the year instead of the last 60-90 days.”

The donor-advised fund will not focus on a single interest, but instead touch a variety of areas including hunger, literacy and religion. The creation of the fund through the Community Foundation allows for a streamlined process.

“My family has always tried to be diligent in committing funds back to the community,” Miller said. “The Foundation gives us a way to do that. It makes the process easier and allocation simple.” Neal and his wife Julie will be the primary decision-makers of the fund’s recipients. However, in time, the couple’s daughters Heather and Rachel will play an increasingly larger role in the process. Miller co-owns EOS, Inc. and Julie is a second-grade teacher in Rochester. The couple has lived in Springfield since 1991.

“Our children know how important it is to give back to the community,” Miller said. “They will partake in the decisions. We will allot money for them to make decisions for community needs that interest them.”