The P.E.O. Foundation was established on October 4, 1961, as a way to encourage tax-exempt gifts and bequests from individuals in order to benefit the growth of P.E.O.’s charitable and educational projects. The P.E.O. Foundation is a service to the P.E.O. Sisterhood that benefits all the projects. It is a separate non-profit corporation and is not considered a project. From humble beginnings of an initial $2,000 donation in 1961, the Foundation has grown to more than $133 million in assets from a combination of generous donations, gifts and bequests, as well as effective investing.

**Types of Foundation Funds**

**TRANSFER:** Net income is transferred directly to the P.E.O. projects.

**UNDESIGNATED:** Net income is distributed to the P.E.O. projects by the P.E.O. Foundation Board of Trustees based on need.

**COTTEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** Net income is used for Cottey College Scholarships.

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Net income is used for scholarships awarded to female students who have been chosen by a scholarship committee.

**How to Donate to the P.E.O. Foundation**

- **CASH**
- **STOCKS**
- **IRA DONATION**
- **BENEFICIARY OF LIFE INSURANCE AND/OR IRA**
- **ESTATE PLAN**
- **WILL OR TRUST**

**P.E.O. Foundation Facts**

- **$34,898,505** Distribution of Undesignated Funds (through 2021)
- **1,562** Permanently Endowed Funds Held in the Foundation (through 1/17/22)
- **$133,215,552** Total Assets in the Foundation (as of 9/30/21)
- **7.25%** Consolidated Rate of Return since 2011