Philanthropy has played a major role in Dr. Mark Allen Everett’s life for more than 40 years. As a young physician, he formed a private foundation in 1960 as a means to support his interests in the arts and education. In 1993 he transferred the private foundation’s assets to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to create The Everett Foundation Fund. Through this advised endowment fund, Dr. Everett, a retired professor at the University of Oklahoma Medical School, has made distributions that reflect his varied charitable interests without the overhead of operating a private foundation. “I have always told my business associates that they need to plan regularly to do good work,” he says. “To develop charitable interests and give regularly and generously to them.” Dr. Everett believes that the easiest way to accomplish this is through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. “The staff is very helpful and very knowledgeable.”

“I see the funds I’ve established more as educational tools for later generations; a way to encourage them to direct money to charitable causes and to be involved in the spirit of doing good and giving.”