Donor biography: Weitz Family Foundation

Wally and Barbara Weitz began the Weitz Family Foundation in 2000. Since then, more than $100 million in awards have been granted to support housing, arts, education and health organizations in Omaha, Nebraska.

The foundation works with grassroots agencies and large institutions that demonstrate vision, integrity, creativity and passion. It appreciates the use of servant leaders, so those it works with use practices that enrich the lives of individuals, build better organizations and create a more just and caring world.

The Weitz Family Foundation seeks to break the cycle of poverty in Omaha by empowering individuals, agencies and organizations to create a more equitable and peaceful society. The foundation seeks to identify and address the institutional and systemic injustices and gaps that fuel poverty. It seeks new ideas and innovations in social change to address the core issues.

Wally and Barbara Weitz have three children, Katie, Roger and Drew, and spouses of this second generation, Kate and Meredith, are foundation board members. The Weitzes have six grandchildren who may someday be more involved with the foundation as well.