



*The **FT Cares Foundation** is working to transform lives and to serve others locally, nationally, and globally. We're committing our resources and our employees to show just how much First Trust Cares and how, together, we can help change the world.*

**Background:** First Trust *Cares* was the predecessor to the FT Cares Foundation. It was formed in 2006 as a way for First Trust Portfolios to raise funds and support various charities and initiatives. In early 2012, we began the process of creating a Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, to formalize our work and offer tax-exempt status to donors. In May 2012, the IRS granted tax- exempt status to FT Cares Foundation, making contributions tax deductible. Talk to your tax preparer for complete information.

**Mission:** The mission of the FT Cares Foundation is to transform lives while making an impact locally, nationally and globally.

**Impact:** The Foundation is very purposeful in how it gives, and chooses organizations where it can have a strong impact on the individuals served by an organization. For each month, the Foundation chooses a different charitable area in which to concentrate its efforts. January, for example, focuses on Basic Needs, while March is Children's Health & Welfare and July is Military & Their Families. The Foundation is proud to be partners with many other organizations in the DuPage community which are making an impact. Together with our parent organization, First Trust Portfolios, located in Wheaton, the Foundation is proud to make an impact in its community, and has a mandate as well to impact others around the nation and the globe.

**The Torch:** Our torch represents the light we are bringing to others as we work to transform lives. Each of us is a torch bearer in our own way: many First Trust employees already teach and care and serve others. Many do so without any recognition or light shining on their efforts. Here at First Trust, we carry our torch together and with the power of many, we work to bring hope and help to those who need it.