Northwest Arkansas is home for the Walton Family Foundation—and we’re working to make it one of the most vibrant and inclusive communities in the nation. With growth and opportunity also come new challenges that require bold, lasting solutions—created by listening and learning to the diverse voices that call this place home.

That means creating an economically and culturally vibrant community—one that promotes inclusive growth and a sense of belonging among all who call this place home. And it means developing a new generation of diverse, innovative leaders to drive a shared vision for Northwest Arkansas filled with opportunity for all.

**WHAT WE PLAN TO DO**

- Build on NWA’s economic & cultural vibrancy
- Promote inclusive growth & increase sense of belonging for all
- Support organizations in strengthening key capacities

**HOW WE PLAN TO DO IT**

- Work with partners to increase access to high-quality education for all students.
- Build purposeful career pathways between employers, educators and community organizations to get workers the exact skills that growing businesses in the region need.
- Convene diverse voices to address and solve emerging issues related to regional affordability.
- Encourage meaningful connections among neighbors through the development of inclusive shared spaces and experiences.
- Establish best practices for bringing together emerging leaders.
- Increase organizational capacity of partners.
- Work with partners to create a shared community vision.
- Support the development of a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem and remove barriers to underserved entrepreneurs.
- Enhance and support regional assets, which include world class culinary, artistic, outdoor and cultural institutions, ensuring they continue to evolve to meet the region’s changing needs.