The Patterson Foundation (TPF) works with people, businesses, nonprofits, government, and the media to accelerate progress toward shared aspirations. This is achieved through five key actions: Connecting ➔ Learning ➔ Sharing ➔ Evolving ➔ Strengthening

**Connecting:** TPF’s approach is organized around the principle that, to learn, share, evolve, and strengthen, we must first be connected. TPF provides opportunities to bring people, organizations, and communities together, strategically linking Internal Stakeholders (CEO/executive director, board, staff, donors, and volunteers); External Stakeholders (people, businesses, nonprofits, government, and the media); and Areas (local, regional, statewide, national, and global communities).

**Learning:** TPF recognizes the importance of investing in learning — because the time spent listening, asking, and exploring builds mutual understanding, and mutual understanding fosters the development of trust.

**Sharing:** TPF believes that important assets — including information, knowledge, skills, and expertise — are interwoven through collaboration to bolster the impact of initiatives. Sharing is the pivotal point linking the benefits of connecting and learning to the opportunities for evolving and strengthening.

**Evolving:** A core philosophy of TPF is that “change happens at the speed of trust.” As confidence grows, the belief in new possibilities begins to emerge, and meaningful incremental changes are made toward positive transformations.

**Strengthening:** TPF supports the efforts of people, organizations, and communities by focusing on issues that address mutual aspirations, foster wide participation, and encourage learning and sharing.