



Leaving a Legacy of Generosity

Legacy Society

Linda Sanford spent more than three decades helping people thrive. Now, as a Legacy Society member, her generosity is supporting a strong future for the Dubuque region.

With no heirs or siblings, Linda, who retired from her vocational rehabilitation job in 2006, decided that supporting the community with a legacy gift would be the best way for her estate to have an impact long after she is gone. Working with her lawyer, she updated her will to include a bequest to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, ensuring her generosity will make an impact for generations to come.

"I like it here in Dubuque. I've been here for so many years, I feel like I know everybody," she says. "My doctor is here, my friends are here, I play golf here. I've traveled around the world, but this is my home."

What Is It?

By leaving a legacy gift to your community, you can make a difference for future generations and share the power and joy of living generously.

Often, these meaningful gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of a donor's life. The Legacy Society is our way of acknowledging your commitment to the future — today. Becoming a member is simple. Include the Community Foundation as a beneficiary of a gift from your estate and notify us of your plan. We'll add your name to our Legacy Society in honor of your dedication to our community's growth.

What's Your Passion?

Making a legacy gift is an opportunity to reflect on your values and passions. Perhaps there is a cause you have felt strongly about through the years or a local organization that has helped you or a loved one in a time of need. Whatever your inspiration for giving, your legacy gift is an enduring testament to the causes you hold dear.

Our Unique Role

When you give to the Community Foundation, you ensure that your gift stays in your community. Unlike private foundations, we aggregate many funds, increasing their impact while providing the maximum tax advantages for income, gift and estate tax purposes.

We can help you:

- Determine the type of gift to leave.
- Show you the impact your gift will have.
- Share information about tax benefits.

We also can work with you and your professional advisors, including CPAs, attorneys, bankers and life insurance representatives.

What Is a Fund?

Think of it as your private foundation. When you give to the Community Foundation, we establish a separate and distinct fund — the vehicle that preserves your philanthropy and family name — to fulfill your stated charitable purpose. The assets are invested and grants are made to address issues you care about. Grants carry the name given to the fund, and your philanthropy endures.

We are here to help generous people like you give back to the community — now and forever. We invite you to call or visit us anytime to discuss your charitable giving goals.

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