

What does it mean to leave a gift through your will at the Community Foundation?

Leaving a legacy gift means making a plan today to leave money to an organization or cause you care about in the future. This plan can be relatively simple and can be changed at any time.

Planned gifts are an opportunity for people from all income levels to leave a lasting impact on their community without changing their current lifestyle. There is no minimum amount to include an organization in your will and no out-of-pocket cost.

By taking a little time today, you can contribute meaningfully for tomorrow. Writing an organization or cause you care about into your will helps ensure it has a more sustainable future.

If you're interested in leaving a gift that more broadly benefits Lancaster County, a legacy gift can also go directly to the Community Foundation for general – supporting emerging community needs and opportunities - or specific – causes like the environment, arts, libraries and education, equity - use.

Additionally, leaving a gift through your will gives you the opportunity to pay tribute to a loved one or name a fund in honor of your family.