WHAT IS A LEGACY SOCIETY?

The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi (CFNM) Legacy Society honors forwardthinking donors who have left a gift to the CFNM through their planned giving. This permanent contribution is a popular and easy way for charitably-minded people to support the current and future needs of their community.

WHO BECOMES A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER?

Anyone who has a special interest in creating a legacy beyond their lifetime. The CFNM Legacy Society ensures donors that their philanthropic dollars are used in the way they intended. That is, donors can support any nonprofit, church or school - forever! Please consider becoming a member of the Legacy Society as part of your overall estate planning strategy.

WHO CAN MAKE A LEGACY GIFT?

Planned giving does not require a large income or vast estate, but only a thoughtful intention to make a difference in your community. Members of the Legacy Society recognize the importance of making a future gift through the foundation, and with their leadership they encourage others to do so as well. Their planning today will benefit their community for generations to come.

> "To know even one other life has breathed easier because you lived: This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi

"We feel strongly that if we have been blessed, it is our obligation to bless others. By becoming a Legacy Society Member anyone would be able to support the causes they are passionate about for generations to come."

> - Bob and Shirley Seymour

TYPES OF GIFTS

Call your professional advisor, talk to us or consult with both. The Foundation provides confidential philanthropic services to prospective donors and their professional advisors, without pressure or obligation. Sample gifts include:

- Cash
- Stocks
- Estate Gifts
- Gifts from IRA Assets

WHEN SHOULD I INCLUDE THE GIFT IN **MY ESTATE?**

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plan, you may want to consider a charitable legacy/planned gift. Your financial or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, beneficiaries, income goals, taxes, and other considerations. Or you can call us to discuss your ideas.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE CFNM **LEGACY SOCIETY?**

- \checkmark The opportunity to belong to a select group of donors who have made a special commitment to support emerging needs of their community
- ✓ Recognition in CFNM publications such as the Website and Annual Report (unless you choose to remain anonymous).
- ✓ Invitations to exclusive events for Legacy Society members.
- ✓ A personalized giving plan, as detailed or general as you like, that ensures your charitable gift will be fulfilling and meaningful to you.
- ✓ The ability to leave a permanent legacy that will benefit your community forever

WHAT GOOD WORK CAN I DO WITH MY LEGACY GIFT?

You can support what you are passionate about!

• The nonprofit(s) you care about

The Arts

• Health

- Youth Services
- Your Church
- A School
- Your Community

You can customize a giving plan to suit you and your family's interests.



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