

Bequests & Planned Giving

Make a gift through your will or trust to support the causes you care about most.

YOUR PHILANTHROPIC LEGACY

As a part of the estate planning process, you may choose to both provide for loved ones and support causes or organizations that have been important to you during your lifetime. You can choose to include philanthropic giving as a part of the legacy that you leave.

Establishing a philanthropic legacy is easy when you partner with Seattle Foundation. There are a variety of ways in which you can establish or add to a fund (either in your name or anonymously) that will make a positive impact on your community. You may realize estate tax savings, depending upon the size of your estate, and during your lifetime you will have the opportunity to connect with other Seattle Foundation philanthropists through educational and social events.

Our experienced advisors can work with you and your family to identify the type of fund or planned gift that best meets your needs and philanthropic goals.



“When my clients wish to leave an enduring charitable gift, they need a partner who takes the time to understand their family goals and values and has the experience to steward the funds for generations to come. Seattle Foundation honors my clients’ wishes to create legacies that last.”

**-MARCIA FUJIMOTO, ESTATE PLANNING PARTNER
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GIVING BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

THROUGH YOUR WILL OR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

There are several ways to define the amount of the gift, which will be used to fulfill your philanthropic goals.



Specific Bequest

a gift of a sum of money or a specified asset from your estate



Residuary Bequest

a gift of all or a percentage of the assets remaining in your estate after expenses and specific bequests have been paid



Contingent Bequest

a gift of assets made on the condition that your primary beneficiaries do not survive you

THROUGH YOUR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Some assets do not pass according to your will or trust, but instead pass to the person or organization you name in a beneficiary designation. Two of the most common types are life insurance and retirement assets.

- **Life insurance policy** – You can name your fund at Seattle Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Proceeds payable to Seattle Foundation qualify for an estate tax charitable deduction. Alternatively, you could make Seattle Foundation both owner and beneficiary, in which case you would receive an income tax deduction for the value of the policy and any premiums subsequently paid.
- **Retirement plan or IRA** – Naming your fund at Seattle Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement fund or IRA can avoid both estate and income taxes and can provide ongoing support for the nonprofit organizations you care about.

BEQUEST BENEFITS

A gift through your estate plan can provide unique giving options as well as estate tax deductions.

SERVICES	BENEFITS	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FEE	ANNUAL MINIMUM FEE & SET-UP COSTS
Effective Philanthropic Advising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert advice and counsel to support customized gift planning and estate planning options • Option for anonymity in distribution of grants • Option for ongoing family involvement through Community Philanthropy Fund or Family Foundation 	Varies by fund type (see back page)	Minimum varies by fund type Set-up costs = \$0
Judicious Stewardship of Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift acceptance of various asset types, including real estate, business interests, insurance and retirement plans • Investments over designated timeframe or in perpetuity; potential growth in philanthropic assets • Recognition of bequest, membership in Legacy Society and invitations to special events 		

THROUGH A GIFT WHERE YOU RETAIN AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY

- **A Charitable Remainder Trust** – is created with the irrevocable transfer of cash or other assets to a trust. The trustee makes periodic payments to you or other beneficiaries for a term of years or for life. At the end of the specified term, the remaining assets pass to your charitable beneficiary(ies). This strategy permits you to both retain a stream of income and support causes or organizations you care about. It can also provide you with income and capital gains tax savings. The minimum size of the Charitable Remainder Trust when Seattle Foundation acts as trustee is \$250,000.
- **A Charitable Lead Trust** – is also an irrevocable trust that is funded with cash or other assets. The trustee manages the assets and makes periodic payments to your charitable beneficiary(ies). This allows you to support your charitable beneficiaries for the specified term, and also have the asset returned to you when the trust ends. Another option is to direct that the underlying asset passes to family or other individual beneficiaries at the end of the trust term. Depending upon how it is structured, a Charitable Lead Trust can save income, gift and/or estate taxes.
- **A retained life estate gift** – allows you to retain a personal residence or farm for life or a term of years while irrevocably transferring the property to a nonprofit after your right to use the property expires. You can retain the benefits of current ownership while knowing that the asset will ultimately go to support your philanthropic goals. In addition, you can receive a current income tax deduction for the value of your future gift.

PLANNED GIVING BENEFITS

A planned gift with a retained interest can allow you to achieve tax savings while benefitting both individuals and the nonprofit organizations you care about.

SERVICES	BENEFITS	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FEE	SET-UP COSTS
CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST	All of the above, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life income stream to you or your beneficiary 	Where Seattle Foundation acts as trustee: Administrative Fee = .25% Investment Management Fee = .60% Tax filing (annual) = \$400	Set-up costs = \$0
CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support nonprofit organizations now and benefit your loved ones in the future 	None	Set-up costs = \$0
RETAINED LIFE ESTATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the use of the asset and be confident that it will ultimately go to support your chosen cause 	None	Set-up costs = \$0

In all cases, there is flexibility as to how your gift ultimately benefits the community (see back page).

OPTIONS FOR DIRECTING GIFTS

It is simple to create a plan so that your gift supports exactly what is most important to you and either continues for your specified time horizon or is maintained as a permanent, endowed fund.

- **Community Philanthropy Fund** – Using the popular structure of a donor advised fund, a Community Philanthropy Fund permits your designated successor advisors to carry out your philanthropic legacy by advising the Foundation on grants to organizations and causes, consistent with any guidance you may provide.
- **Family Foundation** – A Family Foundation, also utilizing the donor advised fund platform, provides greater structure and advisory support to your successor advisors to ensure the distributions recommended by your loved ones are impactful and aligned with your legacy goals.
- **Designated Fund** – Distributions from a Designated Fund are made to one or more nonprofit organizations, in the percentages that you specify, providing support to the organizations that you value.
- **Area of Interest Fund** – An Area of Interest Fund allows you to identify the philanthropic cause or geographical area you wish to impact. You may select one of Seattle Foundation’s eight elements of a Healthy Community: Arts & Culture, Education, Basic Needs, Health & Wellness, Global Giving, Vibrant Communities, Economy and the Environment. Alternatively, you may define your own custom area of interest. Seattle Foundation ensures that your fund provides ongoing support to effective organizations and strategies within your specified areas of interest.
- **Community Impact Fund (unrestricted)** – Seattle Foundation’s Community Impact Fund allows you to support making Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all. You leave decisions about the use of your gift to Seattle Foundation’s grantmaking staff, relying on our extensive experience and deep community insight to determine which needs are most pressing.

FUND TYPE	FUND MINIMUM	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FEE	ANNUAL MINIMUM FEE
Community Philanthropy Fund	\$250,000	1% - declining above \$2 million	\$1,500
Family Foundation	\$500,000	1.25% - declining above \$2 million	\$2,500
Designated Fund	\$100,000	1% - declining above \$2 million	\$1,000
Area of Interest Fund			
• Healthy Community Element(s)	No minimum	1%	None
• Customized Area of Interest	\$100,000	1.25%	\$1,250
Community Impact Fund	None	1%	None

*Exclusive of Investment Management Fee

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