

the Society

For many years, the NCCF has been aware that generous people have included local philanthropy in their estate plans by designating future gifts to the NCCF. We have wanted to find a way to recognize these thoughtful people, but until now, we had no mechanism to do so.

To meet this need, we have created the Bequest Society of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, a program that enables us to acknowledge this generosity.

We honor these special donors by listing them as members of the Society in our Annual Report and other publications and through a special yearly celebration.

The Bequest Society of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation is a group of likeminded individuals and families who have named the NCCF as the beneficiary of a planned or deferred gift and who have chosen to be members of the Society.

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Joining the Bequest Society requires two steps. First, arrange for a planned gift which benefits the NCCF. Second, inform the NCCF by submitting the Bequest form. Bequest forms are available from the NCCF office or web site.

Bequests are the most common method used to leave a gift to NCCF. However, some have made the Foundation the beneficiary of 401K/IRA plans, insurance policies, established a charitable trust in favor of the Foundation, signed a deferred pledge and/or used other methods. All qualify for membership in the Society.

Changing the beneficiary of a life insurance policy to the NCCF is an easy way to leave a bequest.

There is no minimum gift amount required to qualify. The bequest may be a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. Disclosing the size of the bequest is at your discretion.

A Bequest Society gift may be used to establish a new fund (if the gift amount requirements are met) or may be added to any of the NCCF's existing funds.

We do not ask how much is being left to the NCCF. We encourage donors to discuss their gifts with us to make sure we understand their wishes, but this is not mandatory.

Society members are listed in many of our publications. Some may wish to remain anonymous, we understand and we will not betray your confidence.

We hold a special reception just for Bequest Society members each year, and Society members are invited to all other NCCF events.

Finally ... There are many not-for-profit organizations and programs worthy of consideration and support, but the "ultimate philanthropy" is the Community Foundation itself. Gifts supporting the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation will ensure our ability to create a better future for all of us.

Is a Charitable Bequest for Me?

- Do you wish to memorialize a loved one or your family name?
- Do you want to perpetuate your current giving so that it will continue after you are gone?
- Do you wish to minimize estate taxes?
- Do you want to give back to the community?

If your answer is yes to any of the above questions, your wish can be accomplished with a charitable bequest.



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