Planned Giving Opportunities Support the Shepherd’s Center

Contributions from individual donors are extremely important in allowing the Shepherd’s Center ministry to serve older adults in the larger Winston-Salem community. Individual support complements outreach giving from supporting congregations, fundraising events and program grants for the services and activities provided by the Shepherd’s Center.

Personal giving to financially support the ministry of the Shepherd's Center can take many forms: individual financial donations, bequests through a will, gifts of property or stock or inclusion of the Shepherd’s Center as a beneficiary of a charitable trust. Some of these options require the advice and counsel of an attorney.

Planned giving can take a variety of forms. These include:

- **Making a bequest through your will** – this involves placing a statement in your will such as: “I bequeath (a percentage or a dollar amount) of my net residuary estate to the Shepherd’s Center of Greater Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem, N.C. “ *(See attached examples)*

- **A Gift of appreciated stock** – contact your investment counselor or broker to arrange for the transfer of the stock to the Shepherd’s Center of Greater Winston-Salem.

- **Contributions from an endowed fund through a foundation** such as the Winston-Salem Foundation - Contact the foundation of your choice for instructions.

- **Estate planning instruments such as a Charitable Remainder Trust** – A specialized trust agreement that allows you to receive income during your life, reduce estate taxes and then leave the Shepherd’s Center a charitable donation upon your death that is not included in your taxable estate. A trust of this nature requires the assistance of an attorney working in conjunction with a financial services company or foundation.

To learn more about specific planned giving opportunities to benefit the Shepherd’s Center, contact Sam Matthews, Executive Director at 336-748-0217.

**The Mission of the Shepherd’s Center**

*The Shepherd’s Center of Greater Winston-Salem is an Interfaith Ministry that supports and promotes successful aging by providing direct services, volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs for older adults.*

*Promoting and Supporting Successful Aging*