EVANSTON’S FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO TODAY.

Do you love Evanston?

Do you want to contribute to its vitality long into the future?
Please consider a legacy gift to the

Evanston Community Foundation

Why invest in Evanston with an estate gift?
Your gift will be carefully stewarded and invested to provide continuous funding for the programs you know and love.

How to include us in your estate plan
One of the most popular ways to include the Evanston Community Foundation in an estate plan is through a will or donor advised fund.

Whichever method works best for you, please remember to use the official legal name, Evanston Community Foundation.

Here are a few examples for your adviser to consider:

- **Bequest:** “I give and bequeath the sum of $_____ from my estate [or ____ percent of my estate] to the Evanston Community Foundation.”

- **Specific Bequest (a particular asset):** “I give and bequeath [e.g., ____ shares of ABC Corporation stock] to the Evanston Community Foundation.”

- **Contingent Interest Clause (takes effect only under certain circumstances):** “I give, devise, and bequeath to (name of person) the sum/percentage of _________ in the event he/she survives me. Should (person named) predecease me, I give, devise, and bequeath said sum/percentage to the Evanston Community Foundation.”

As always, please consult your independent tax and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.

The historical average annual investment return over 33 years (1998 through 2020) is 8.96%, with a 12.4% portfolio return in 2020.

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How your legacy carries on
A gift to the Fund for Evanston or the Foundation Fund allows the board to direct support where it is most needed in Evanston or at the Foundation.

A gift to a restricted endowment allows the Evanston Community Foundation to direct a portion of the spending to a field of interest or organization.

With a legacy gift today, we can prepare for the future and invest your assets for a brighter tomorrow.

We may share your name as one of the growing numbers of Evanstonians and friends who are providing future gifts to the Foundation, unless you request anonymity.

The details and amount of your commitment will always remain confidential.

Personalizing your fund
The minimum amount to establish a named fund is $50,000. Larger gifts make it possible to more narrowly direct the use of the funds to specific programs or organizations. Personalize your legacy fund with a separately identified fund that bears your name, your family’s name, or the name of a loved one.

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Yes, I/we have made a commitment to the Evanston Community Foundation.

Would you like to be recognized in online and print materials?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Donor name (as it should appear in future recognitions)

Date of birth for donor

Address  City, state or province, county, and postal code

Email  Mobile phone

The spending portion of the gift shall be:

☐ Unrestricted to:
  - Forever Funds are endowed funds for Evanston’s present and future. These dollars ensure that Evanston thrives during unique and challenging times.
  - Fund for Evanston (supports grants to the community)
  - Foundation Fund (supports future needs of ECF)

☐ Restricted to: ____________________________

☐ Please contact me at the phone number above to discuss gift designation preferences.

The bequest will be funded by:

☐ Will or living trust
☐ Retirement plan beneficiary designation
☐ Life insurance beneficiary designation
☐ Donor advised fund
☐ Other (please describe) ____________________________

We would like to recognize your generosity!

The gift to ECF has an approximate present value of (in US dollars): ____________________________

My/our recognition preferences are noted below:

☐ Tell me more about special naming opportunities.
☐ I/we have another request. (Please describe below.) ____________________________

Signature  Date

Signature  Date

Please return this form and any supporting documents you wish to share that name the Evanston Community Foundation as beneficiary.

Evanston Community Foundation
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Call 847.492.0990 or email legacy@evanstonforever.org
EIN: 36-3466802

“The community foundation can help you find a niche for your money and your passion.”

Denise Martin
Retired ETHS Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Family Fundholder
Leadership Evanston Graduate
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