

A legacy of giving

Bequest by Will



Including a charitable bequest in your will is a simple way to make a lasting gift to Story County. When you make this gift through the Story County Community Foundation, you contribute to an existing fund or we establish a special fund that benefits the community forever and becomes your personal legacy of giving.

How it works

- You include the Story County Community Foundation in your will as a bequest; we can help you or your attorney with recommended language.
- You determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift. You may choose to leave your gift to the Story County Community Foundation to meet the new and emerging needs in Story County.
- Upon your death, working with our affiliate, the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, we set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family, or in honor of any person or organization you choose. You may also contribute to one or more existing funds.
- Your charitable gift is excluded from your assets for estate tax purposes.
- Our allocations committee considers your charitable wishes and determines the areas of community need that would best meet your established gift criteria..
- Grants are given in the name of the fund you establish (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- We handle all the administrative details.
- Your gift will be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift — and all future earnings from your gift — is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

The gift of a lifetime

Irene Hoover and her husband owned a bakery and enjoyed a great deal of success and prominence in their hometown. After her husband passed away two years ago, Irene decided it was time for her to update her will. Part of her plan was to give something back to the community the Hoovers had loved as both residents and business owners. "Not only did Jim and I love our town, but we felt as though we owed it a lot for the success of our business," says Irene. With the help of her professional advisor, Irene revised her will to include an inheritance for the Hoovers' college-age niece, with the remainder creating the Hoover Bakery Fund, a Field of Interest Fund designed to support community development efforts. Because it will be endowed, her gift will provide a growing source of community funding for festivals, neighborhood revitalization, publicly accessible artwork, and other community improvements. "I like knowing that when I'm gone, our legacy will be one of helping others strengthen our community," says Irene.

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