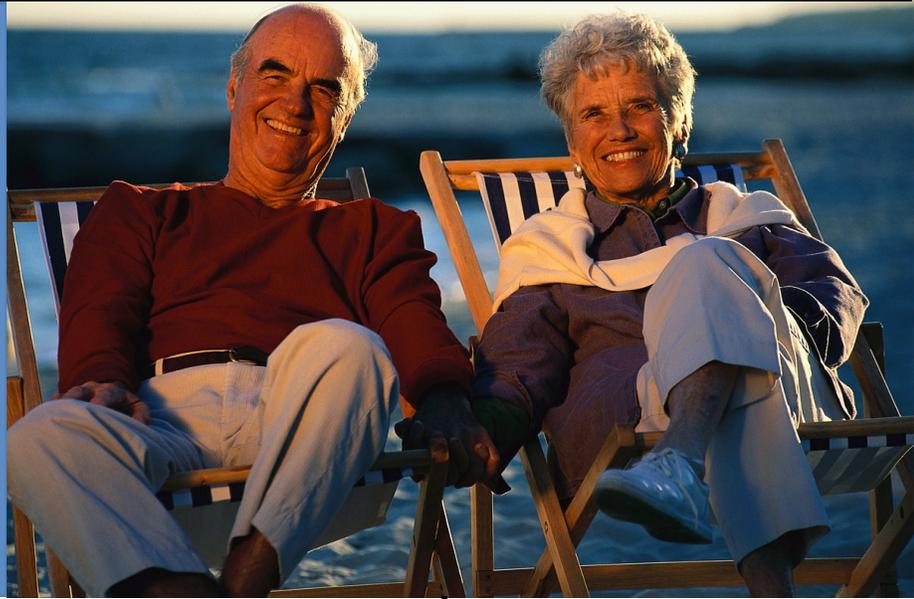


Richmond Community Foundation

Creating impact in our community for future generations.



What is a bequest? A bequest is a gift from your estate to an individual or charity of your choice that you specify in your will or trust.

A bequest is a way to give that is:

- Flexible. May be changed as your interests change.
- Economical. Your estate will be entitled to a tax deduction.
- Personal. You can specify specific charitable recipients wherever they are located, or you can support a particular area of interest.
- Efficient. You can give almost any asset, including stock and real estate. Besides your will or trust instrument, no further documentation needs to be prepared by your attorney.

A bequest is ideal for families and individuals who want:

- Complete access to all their assets during their lifetimes.
- To make a difference in their community after their lifetime.
- To redirect dollars from taxes to the causes and/or organizations of their choice.
- There is no minimum bequest amount.

How to get started:

- Discuss your overall estate planning with your advisor.
- Ask RCF for sample language to include in your will when making a charitable bequest.
- Contact RCF and we will provide you or your advisor a customized Fund Agreement, if you desire to establish a permanent fund with your bequest.

For more information on bequests at RCF, call 510.234.1200. You can also find more information on RCF's website, at www.richmondcf.org.

Testamentary Funds -- or Bequests

The simplest way to leave a planned gift to benefit our community is to make a bequest including specific language in your will or living trust naming Richmond Community Foundation as the recipient of a testamentary gift. This can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or what remains after other bequests (including those to family members) are made.

Consider using your planned gift to establish an endowment fund at the Foundation and support your favorite causes for years to come. If you choose, the bequest can flow into a donor-advised fund for your children to carry on your family's philanthropy.



Ten reasons to partner with us

One

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in Richmond.

Two

Our staff and Board of Directors have **broad experience** and knowledge of the community.

Three

We provide highly **personalized service** to meet your specific philanthropic goals.

Four

We help you **support the causes** you care about.

Five

We offer a range of charitable fund structures and accept a wide **variety of assets**,

Six

We partner with you to **create impact** with your charitable giving.

Seven

We offer you the **maximum tax advantage** allowed by federal law.*

Eight

We **maximize impact** by pooling your gifts with those of other like-minded individuals.

Nine

We are recognized as a **leader in the community**, skilled at developing and investing resources to nurture families and to support sustainable, healthy communities.

Ten

We are driven by our mission to **work with you** to find ways to best serve the community.

* Please consult with your tax advisor.

The Richmond Community Foundation serves as a vital link between community-spirited donors and community needs.

Taking the Initiative

The Foundation also sponsors special initiatives aimed at making an impact on critical local issues. We bring business, civic and community leaders together to explore important issues, develop viable strategies, and then actively garner resources to implement them. Foundation initiatives have focused on core challenges such as early childhood literacy, education, employment opportunities and health.

You Choose the Path.

We Simplify the Journey.

As your partner in philanthropy, we make it easy to give and keep you informed about programs that are working. There are many ways to make a difference. We invite you to partner with us.

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