

## Our Vision

*At the NCCF, we envision a community that is vibrant, prosperous, & rich in opportunities for everyone, today, tomorrow, and always.*

Established in 1986 by community leaders, the NCCF addresses the community's most pressing needs and promising opportunities. As these change, so does our focus. You can be assured that your gift will never become obsolete.

Because we focus on endowment building, your gift will grow and benefit the community forever.

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## Key Points

- ✓ planned gifts take many forms, including charitable bequests, retirement plan accounts, life insurance policies and trusts
- ✓ charitable bequests are the most common type of planned gifts; a charitable bequest is simply a gift through your will or estate plan
- ✓ establishing a bequest is easy; it can be done when your will is prepared, or you can supplement your current will with a codicil
- ✓ you can name the NCCF as a beneficiary of all or a part of your retirement plan account or life insurance policy
- ✓ your planned gift can be used to establish a new fund (minimum required), added to current fund or designated for general purposes
- ✓ your gift can be of any size, \$200 or \$2 million - all gifts make a difference in our community.
- ✓ charitable gifts are not meant to replace inheritances that you wish to leave to family members or other loved ones
- ✓ there are often tax benefits

## Is a Charitable Bequest for you?

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

*If your answer is YES to any of the above, a charitable bequest to the NCCF is for you.*

## *the Society*

The Bequest Society of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation was formed to thank those who informed the NCCF that they plan to leave a charitable gift to the NCCF through their will or estate plan.

We honor these special donors throughout the year with special acknowledgments. In addition, Society members are listed in various publications, including our Annual Report, and on our website.

Joining the Bequest Society is easy. First, work with your attorney or estate planner to include a bequest or other planned gift to benefit the NCCF. Second, notify us of your plans by submitting a Bequest Form, which is available by calling us or visiting our website. (You do not need to tell us the amount of the gift.)

Those who include a charitable gift in their estate plans become immortalized to the causes, the organizations, and the community they've supported.

Our staff and board members are always available to meet with you and your professional advisor to answer questions.

*Your membership will inspire others to leave a gift and join the Bequest Society!*

*The goal is  
not to  
live forever.*

*The goal is  
to create something  
that will.*



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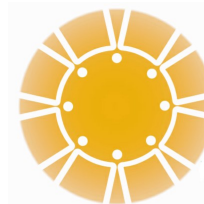
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*Membership*



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