

LEGACY GIVING

Plan now, give forever.



What would you like to be remembered for? Are there causes or charities you love today that you hope will continue to flourish long after you're gone? A planned gift can benefit whatever it is you care about most and, if you wish, let future generations know it mattered to you. By planning a bequest through your will or trust, you can establish (or add to) your fund at Gulf Coast. We will work with you to ensure that your gift will accomplish your personal charitable wishes, and then we will carefully steward it to achieve those goals forever.

A Donor Story

An elderly woman who lost her husband a few years earlier had no direct heirs. As she reviewed her estate plans, she wanted to give back to the community she and her late husband both loved. We worked closely with her attorney and her financial advisor to help her plan a charitable bequest that would create a permanently endowed fund at Gulf Coast in her and her husband's names upon her passing.

Today, their fund continues to invest thousands of dollars every year into the senior center where they used to play cards, the cat shelter where she volunteered, and the community orchestra they loved to hear perform. The comfort of knowing she had memorialized her husband forever also helped ease the pain of his absence in her own final years.

Any of these sound like you?

- You want your favorite causes to be supported forever.
- You want a specific charity to receive an annual gift in your name.
- You want to provide a flexible gift that can respond to new community needs in the future.
- You would like to create a fund that encourages family members to carry on your tradition of giving.
- You appreciate knowing your wishes will be carried out, forever, with efficiency and care.

If so, then we should talk!



Ready to Give?

● Talk with our staff about the charities or causes you want your future fund to support. (You can always change them later.)

● Name Gulf Coast as beneficiary of the asset(s) you would like to use for your eventual gift (trust/will, insurance policy, investment account).

● Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that your fund will live on and do good forever!

Why Partner with Gulf Coast Community Foundation?

Ease and convenience. Work with our expert staff to plan your gift and leave the administrative details to us.

Permanence. Gulf Coast is built on the principle of perpetuity. We will be here forever—and so will your fund—to carry out your charitable wishes.

Tax advantage. Earn the maximum tax benefits for your generosity, so your philanthropy can go even farther in meeting your goals.

Investment management. Pool your fund with others in one of our investment strategy options, or let your own professional advisors continue to manage the investments in partnership with us.

Expert insight. We offer unparalleled knowledge in our region of high-performing nonprofit organizations, emerging community needs, and strategic philanthropy.

Community connection. We can connect you with the best nonprofits and most effective charitable projects to match your interests. We can also introduce you to like-minded donors who love their community like you do.

Concierge service. We are available anytime to help you with your philanthropy. We also offer special donor events and learning opportunities.

Amplified impact. Gulf Coast can leverage your giving with that of other donors and our own community investments, ensuring your philanthropy makes the greatest possible difference.

About Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Together with our donors, we transform our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Headquartered in Venice, Fla. and with a second office in downtown Sarasota, Fla., Gulf Coast Community Foundation has transformed the region with our donors for over 25 years. Serving the needs of the region as a partner in philanthropy and leader in community initiatives, Gulf Coast has surpassed granting \$515 million in the areas of: health and human services, civic and economic development, education, arts and culture, and the environment.

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