

Bequest

If you're not in a position to make a charitable gift today, but you wish to leave a lasting legacy that will support the charitable needs of Vermont, you may want to consider including the Community Foundation in your will.

This type of fund is for people who:

- Want a meaningful and simple way to leave a legacy that will make a difference.
- May not be able to make a charitable gift right now, but still wish to contribute in the future.



Overview:

Making a bequest to the Vermont Community Foundation is easy, and you can choose to do it at any age by adding to an existing will or drafting a new one. You can choose to give a stated dollar amount, a property, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other beneficiaries, or make your gift contingent on certain events. Many of our donors start funds during their lifetimes, contributing when they can, and then ensure that their fund continues to grow after their passing.

As an alternative to amending your current will, consider naming the Vermont Community Foundation a beneficiary of your retirement plan. Simply reach out to your plan administrator for a change of beneficiary form and designate the Foundation for a percentage of the remaining assets.

How a Bequest Works:

- Partnering with a philanthropic advisor at the Vermont Community Foundation, you'll have the opportunity to bring your charitable vision to life in a way that truly reflects your values. We're here to help guide you and work with your attorney, offering thoughtful language to seamlessly include the Vermont Community Foundation in your will.
- You can decide what you would like to support with your bequest—whether gifting to an existing fund or establishing a new fund that supports a particular cause that is most meaningful to you.
- After your passing, a fund can be established in your name, your family's name, your business, or in honor of someone or something special to you.
- Your generous gift is fully deductible from estate taxes, offering a meaningful benefit to both you and your community.
- We take care of all the administrative work and ensure that grants are issued to charities in the name of the fund you've created. Grants can also be made anonymously.

Your thoughtful bequest to the Vermont Community Foundation will have a lasting impact on the causes that matter most to you and help create a better future for Vermont.