# Make a Gift that Costs Nothing During Your Lifetime

Whether you have modest savings or a large estate, you can make a meaningful charitable gift without significant immediate impact to your finances through legacy giving.

Legacy gifts, also called planned gifts, are made through wills, trusts and other tools.

The Delaware Community Foundation has the expertise to work with you and your financial advisor or attorney to help you achieve your charitable goals and establish your personal legacy.

To discuss the possibilities, contact us at info@delcf.org or 302.571.8004.

# SIMPLE, JOYFUL & POWERFUL GIVING

At the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF), we believe it should be simple and joyful to make powerful charitable gifts.

That's why we offer a range of giving options that help individuals, families and businesses achieve their philanthropic goals.

Whether your aim is to leave a personal legacy, honor a loved one or simply be part of a community of givers striving to make Delaware a better place for everyone, you can trust the DCF to ensure that your philanthropy makes a difference, while honoring and protecting your wishes in perpetuity.

Here are some of the ways you can improve the lives of the people of Delaware, now and forever. You can use these methods of giving to establish or add to a fund at the DCF, or support our broader mission.

### Get to Know the DCF

The DCF is a trusted steward, committed to maximizing the impact of charitable resources in Delaware and honoring donors' wishes, now and in the future.

Talk to us about how you can be part of our community of givers who are improving the lives of the people of Delaware.

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#### **OUR VISION**

A Delaware where generosity expands opportunity for all.

#### **OUR MISSION**

To improve Delaware through community-based philanthropy.

#### **OUR VALUES**

Passion

Joy

Service

Creativity Excellence

Inclusion

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## **WAYS TO GIVE**

### Cash

A gift of cash by check or credit card is a simple, direct way to establish a fund or add to an existing fund.

# Stock, Public and Privately Held

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and matured certificates of deposit can be donated to establish or add to a fund at the DCF.
Business owners often enjoy tax advantages by making gifts of closely held stock in their companies.



Rod and Gina Ward established the Riverview Works Fund at the DCF with part of the proceeds from the sale of stock from The Speakman Company.



### Real Estate and Other Real Property

Personal residences, vacation homes or land can be donated to the DCF, with the proceeds being used to add to or open an endowed charitable fund. This can result in significant tax advantages, particularly for property that has been owned for many years and appreciated in value.

### **Personal Property**

Gifts of tangible personal property — such as art, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, rare books, and stamp and coin collections — can be donated to the DCF.

### **Bequest**

A simple bequest can be made easily through your will or revocable trust, donating a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate.

#### Life Insurance

You can make a meaningful gift for pennies on the dollar by designating the DCF or a fund at DCF as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. You can also donate your existing policy to the DCF by naming the DCF as policyowner and beneficiary.

Always consult your financial advisor about how a charitable gift will affect your individual taxes and financial situation. Acceptance of all contributions are at the DCF's sole discretion and may be subject to review in accordance with the DCF's Gift Acceptance Policy.

### Retirement Plan Assets

You can help to transform lives and avoid taxes associated with retirement plan assets by designating the DCF as a beneficiary.

# Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to transfer up to \$100,000 a year directly from your IRA to a new or existing fund at the DCF. (Donor advised funds are not eligible.) This distribution is excluded from your taxable income and can be especially useful for those who don't need the income from the required minimum distribution.

# Charitable Remainder Trusts/Gift Annuities

Through a charitable remainder trust and similar vehicles, you may be able to make a gift that generates a guaranteed stream of income for you or a loved one, for a period of years or a lifetime, and support the DCF or one of its funds.



Carolyn Smith established the Phillip & Carolyn Smith Fund at the DCF through a charitable remainder trust, which provided her with a guaranteed income for life. In 2018, she also donated the majority of her estate, including the Newark home where she lived almost her entire life.