



Frequently Asked Questions About Legacy Giving

Q: What is legacy giving?

Legacy giving is a way you can make a gift to a charity through thoughtful estate planning. A legacy gift as part of an overall estate plan takes your needs as well as the needs of your loved ones into consideration. It also makes a lasting impact on a cause or a charity that is personally meaningful to you so that your values can live on.

Q: Do I have to be rich to make a charitable bequest?

A bequest is major philanthropy almost anyone can do. You do not need to be wealthy to make a charitable bequest that will positively impact your community.

Q: How would I make a legacy gift to Grow Pittsburgh?

- The most common way of making a legacy gift is through a bequest designating Grow Pittsburgh as a beneficiary in your Will or living trust.
- Other options are designating Grow Pittsburgh as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.
- There are also other, more complex ways of setting up a legacy gift. Your attorney or financial planner may have suggestions that are best suited to your unique needs. If you are interested in endowment or life income options, we're happy to connect you with expert advisors at The Pittsburgh Foundation who can help.

Q: Is it easy to add a charitable bequest to my Will?

Yes. Nothing could be simpler. A short phone call or visit to your lawyer does the job. A bequest is the most common planned gift. To do this, you simply name a charity or charities for a specific percentage or dollar amount in your Will or living trust or designate the nonprofit organization as a beneficiary in your retirement plan or life insurance policy.



How do I benefit from a bequest?

A legacy gift may enable you to make a much more significant gift than you may have thought possible. It can also create opportunities to support the work you love for generations to come.

Q: Why would I leave a bequest to Grow Pittsburgh?

Your bequest lets you easily support the work we do with one act of generosity. If you choose a permanent endowment, its impact will last forever and grow over time as your fund supports the work important to you. If you're interested in making an endowed gift, we're happy to connect you with expert advisors at The Pittsburgh Foundation who can help.

Q: If I choose to join the Orchard Circle at Grow Pittsburgh, do I have to reveal the amount of my bequest?

Absolutely not. We'd appreciate knowing, but the choice to tell us the amount of your gift is entirely up to you.

Q: How do I let you know I've made the bequest, so I can join the Orchard Circle?

It's easy. Once you've added Grow Pittsburgh to your estate plans, contact us and we'll make sure we have accurate contact information for you:

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