You have made investments of your time and treasure throughout your lifetime and you want to leave a legacy. A legacy fund with the Community Foundation provides you with an opportunity to include charitable giving in your estate plans and make a difference for generations to come.

Benefits of a Legacy Fund:

PERSONAL: Legacy funds allow you to make a long-term impact on the causes and communities that are most important to you. Your continued support will allow the selected organizations to carry out their missions and contribute to the community for years to come.

LASTING: Legacy funds provide you the opportunity to share the gift of giving with future generations. You can use assets named in your legacy fund to open a charitable giving fund for family, a friend, a business or committee to continue to invest in causes they care about and pass on the joy of giving.

FLEXIBLE: A legacy fund offers you the opportunity to ensure charitable giving is part of your estate plans, with the flexibility to change the causes you plan to support over time. Because you name your legacy fund in your will or trust, you can work with the Community Foundation to adjust the causes you would like to support without the need to revise your estate plans.

COLLABORATIVE: Our team of charitable giving experts is here to assist you in establishing your legacy fund to meet your financial and giving goals. We will work alongside you and your professional advisors to ensure your charitable giving fund fits into your overall estate plans.

EFFICIENT: The Community Foundation can receive a variety of gifts to support a legacy fund including: assets from a will or trust, cash, stock, real estate, business interests, personal tangible property, retirement plans, life insurance, agricultural assets and more.

Financial Facts:

• Legacy funds can be established in any amount and with a variety of asset types.
• Legacy funds are free of administrative fees until assets are received.

PLAN ➞ GRANT ➞ INSPIRE

Establish a legacy fund with the Community Foundation that will receive assets from your estate.
Grants are made to the causes you designate beyond your lifetime.
The fund can also be advised by family members.
We have all had a teacher that has left a mark on our lives. A teacher that encouraged us, challenged us and believed in what we could accomplish. A teacher like Judith Lindquist.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School, Judith dedicated her life to teaching elementary students at Des Moines Public Schools. As she considered how to make a difference after her lifetime, Judith came to the Community Foundation. She worked with her attorney and the Community Foundation team to establish a legacy fund to ensure her wishes would be carried out just as she intended.

While the Greater Des Moines community lost a tremendous advocate for our children with Judith’s passing, students continue to benefit from her commitment to their success. Thanks to Judith's legacy fund at the Community Foundation, scholarships are being awarded to students at Roosevelt and Lincoln High Schools. Judith also ensured that learning would take place outside the classroom by providing support each year from her legacy fund to five local organizations that will in turn provide underprivileged students access to arts, culture and wellness activities. “Carrying out Judith’s legacy has been the privilege of the Community Foundation,” shares Kristi Knous, Community Foundation president. “Through her career Judith impacted countless lives, but through her giving, generations of students will continue to learn and grow.”

For more information about establishing a fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, contact us at (515) 883-2626 or info@desmoinesfoundation.org.