Why the Foundation?

Honoring donor intent is what we do. As the needs and opportunities of the Valley community evolve, we are here to build an informed community, grow philanthropy, and create a lasting impact for generations to come.

We offer local expertise, provide personalized attention that is tailored to your goals – both charitable and financial, and offer endowment vehicles that allow your impact to grow over time and create a lasting legacy.

Together, we can nurture the vibrancy of the Valley.

You will benefit the Valley for generations to come.

Whether you have a passion for the environment or want to support a local library, you can establish a fund or contribute to an existing fund through your estate plan to fulfill your philanthropic wishes.

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Planned gifts are simple, straightforward, and a convenient way to support your community with little-to-no impact on your current financial situation.

Name Valley Community Foundation (VCF) in your will or trust for a specific percentage or amount, as a residual gift, or contingent gift.

Designate VCF as the beneficiary to an insurance policy, individual retirement account (IRA), 401k, or checking/savings account.

For another stream of income, create a Charitable Gift Annuity and benefit from an immediate tax break and guaranteed income for life. Upon your passing, VCF receives the remaining balance and fulfills your philanthropic wishes.

Leverage the power of charitable remainder trusts or charitable lead trusts to perpetuate your values and your wealth for both your heirs and your charitable intentions.

Planned Giving through the Valley Community Foundation

Join the Gates Society

Joining VCF’s planned giving community is simple. Let us know you have named VCF or one of our funds in your estate plan so we can personally thank you during your lifetime.

The Society is named in honor of Ross and Frank Gates, the brothers of a prominent Derby family, from the 1900’s. Ross and Frank created trusts in the family name to benefit the Valley in perpetuity. By contributing to VCF, just like the Gates brothers, you’ll be giving back to today, tomorrow, and forever.

A community-wide planned giving initiative that aims to promote a unified message about the importance of giving locally to benefit the Valley community and create a legacy for the future. The tools, videos, and simple explanations available at www.valleygivesback.org will help inform how to make a commitment to your favorite charities during your lifetime without jeopardizing your nest egg. Plan now. Give later. Impact tomorrow.

Learn More

There are many ways you can remember the Valley, many of which have no immediate impact on your existing cost of living. It’s your plan and your legacy. Let us help.

Contact us at (203) 751-9162, visit www.valleyfoundation.org, or speak with your trusted professional advisor to explore which planned giving vehicle is best for you.

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Create a Scholarship Fund to benefit students and enable you to help students pursue their academic ambitions or benefit a specific educational institution.

Preference Funds
Preference Funds allow you to support a single nonprofit or a variety of nonprofits by focusing on an area of interest you are passionate about, such as education, environmental issues, healthcare, or a specific area of interest.

Unrestricted Funds
You can easily address emerging issues in the Valley by creating an Unrestricted Fund, which allows you to make an impact to the needs of our communities during your lifetime.

Testamentary Funds
You can create a Testamentary Fund during your lifetime and see your wishes fulfilled. You may have multiple charitable interests that you would like to leave as a charitable beneficiary in your will. Think of your fund as a true estate plan that you can carry out your wishes. Your plan can be modified at any time without the expense of an attorney.

Establishing a Fund to Create your Legacy

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