

WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

Footprints. Everyone leaves footprints. Our prints are made by the impression of our lives on the sands of time. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character; for marks of accomplishment; for shapes of kindness; for length of compassion; for width of personal warmth; for generosity; for values. When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand, to help others recall our values. For example, consider the effect of a plan that not only includes provision for family members, but resources for the charitable organizations that have benefited family members, or you have given leadership to or that you supported financially.

The Community Foundation for Carver County provides a service for existing nonprofits by enabling people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about.

An Estate Gift Makes a Positive Statement. When you include **The Community Foundation for Carver County** in the final disposition of your estate, you declare to your family and friends that you believe in and care about the mission of your favorite charities. Your parting gift becomes a clear declaration of your values.

An Estate Gift Provides Needed Funding. Estate gifts are especially valuable, not only because they tend to be larger than annual gifts to your favorite charities, but because they often come at critical times. They provide that extra boost to the budget that can make the difference between program enhancement and program entrenchment.

Estate gifts can be designated for a specific purpose or they can be restricted for use where they are needed most. They can fund family-named endowments that perpetually provide an ongoing witness to your friends and loved ones that you believe in the work of your favorite charities.

An Estate Gift Encourages Imitation. There's something about a well-planned estate gift that influences others to "go and do likewise." As friends and family members plan their own estates, they may recall your generosity and thoughtfulness.

The Foundation is offering a free **Guide to Effective Bequests**. For your free no-obligation copy please call (952) 250-5138 or Email info@carvercountyfoundation.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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