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Leaving a Lasting Legacy with **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Serving Strafford County and Surrounding Communities Since 1982

A Guide to Planned and Legacy Giving

Community Partners of Strafford County, NH supports individuals and families across the lifespan through behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, developmental services, family support, and aging and disability resources. Our work is grounded in dignity, compassion, and connection, ensuring that people can access the care they need regardless of circumstance.

Legacy giving allows you to extend this mission far into the future, creating stability and opportunity for generations to come.

What Is Legacy Giving?

Legacy giving, also called **planned giving**, is a way to make a charitable gift as part of your long-term financial or estate plans. These gifts often come from assets rather than income and are typically arranged now to benefit Community Partners later.

Legacy gifts help ensure that essential services remain available, even during times of uncertainty in public funding, health care access, and economic change.

You do not need to be wealthy to leave a legacy. Many legacy gifts are modest in size but have an outsized impact over time.

Why Consider a Legacy Gift to Community Partners?

A legacy gift to Community Partners:

- Sustains behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, aging and disability resources, and developmental services in our region
- Helps maintain access to care regardless of ability to pay
- Supports the workforce that delivers compassionate, high-quality services
- Strengthens long-term financial stability for programs that serve vulnerable populations

For many donors, legacy giving is also a way to reflect personal values, honor a loved one, or acknowledge a lifelong commitment to public service and community well-being.

Ways to Leave a Legacy Gift

- **Bequests Through a Will or Trust**

One of the most common and flexible ways to give. You may designate Community Partners to receive:

- **A specific dollar amount**
- **A percentage of your estate**
- **The remainder of your estate after other obligations are met**

Bequests can be updated at any time and do not affect your financial security during your lifetime.

- **Beneficiary Designations**

You may name Community Partners as a beneficiary of:

- **Retirement accounts (IRA, 401(k), 403(b))**
- **Life insurance policies**
- **Certain investment or bank accounts**

These gifts are simple to arrange and often pass directly to Community Partners without probate.

- **Gifts of Appreciated Assets**

Some donors choose to leave **stocks, bonds**, or other **appreciated assets** as part of their **estate plans**. These gifts may offer tax advantages while supporting our mission.

- **Charitable Trusts or Other Arrangements**

More complex options, such as **gifts of real estate, charitable remainder trusts** or **charitable lead trusts**, can provide income to you or your beneficiaries while also supporting Community Partners in the future. These arrangements typically require guidance from a financial or legal professional.

How Legacy Gifts Are Used

Legacy gifts provide flexible, long-term support. Unless a donor specifies otherwise, these gifts may be used to:

- Strengthen core programs and services
- Respond to emerging community needs
- Invest in staff development and clinical capacity
- Support innovation and system improvements

Donors may also choose to direct their legacy gift to a **specific area of interest**, such as substance use disorder treatment, developmental services, workforce development, aging and disability resources or general operations. Our departments include:

YOUTH AND FAMILY	ADULT SERVICES	OTHER SERVICES
EARLY SUPPORTS & SERVICES	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SERVICES (DAY PROGRAM)	THE JUDY METTEE INSTITUTE
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES	COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES	CHILD IMPACT PROGRAM
SPECTRUM CONNECTION	CASE MANAGEMENT	PROJECT SEARCH SEACOAST NH
FAMILY SUPPORT	RESIDENTIAL	HOME PROVIDERS
CASE MANAGEMENT	NURSING SUPPORTS	MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
EMERGENCY SERVICES	SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT	
	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADULT SERVICES	
	EMERGENCY SERVICES	
	ELDER SERVICES	
	AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (FORMERLY SERVICELINK)	
	SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES (PDMS)	
	CHOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE (CFI)	
	SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE SERVICES (SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES)	

Please consult with Community Partners to identify what your core program or department of interest is.

We are more than happy to help!

Honoring Your Intentions

Community Partners is committed to **honoring donor intent with care, transparency, and respect**. We welcome conversations to ensure your legacy gift reflects your values and priorities.

With permission, legacy donors may be recognized in our annual report or other publications. Many donors also choose to remain anonymous.

Next Steps

If you are considering a legacy gift, we encourage you to:

1. Speak with your **attorney, financial advisor, or tax professional**
2. Consider how **Community Partners fits into your overall estate plans**
3. Let us know of your intentions so we can thank you and plan responsibly

There is no obligation, and conversations are always confidential.

Contact Information

For more information or a confidential discussion, please contact:

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We are grateful for your commitment to Community Partners and for considering a legacy that will strengthen care and opportunity for years to come.

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