



The Lake County Legacy Society recognizes individuals and families who have chosen to shape Lake County's future by making a gift to The Lake County Community Foundation in their estate plans. By doing so and agreeing to be publicly recognized, you inspire others to consider such long-term gifts for the benefit of Lake County.

The Lake County Community Foundation provides a way for donors from all walks of life to give back to the people, organizations and causes they care about in Lake County. The gifts you leave to the community will continue to grow, supporting good work for years and generations to come.

### ENTRUSTING LCCF WITH YOUR PHILANTHROPIC LEGACY

As the **only** community foundation that serves the entire county, we are a central resource to address the community's needs; a strategic partner for the nonprofit sector and a valued collaborator with donors to further the impact of their philanthropy. The Lake County Community Foundation is here to serve the community **in perpetuity**. For over 20 years, local philanthropists, nonprofits and government agencies have relied on the Foundation and our knowledgeable staff to achieve their philanthropic vision.

### MEMBERSHIP

No formal pledge or minimum commitment is required. A simple statement of intent is sufficient. *Please refer to the enclosed Statement of Intent form.*

Estate gifts can be made in a variety of forms — bequests via will or trust, beneficiary arrangements of insurance, IRA or pension benefits, charitable remainder trusts and gifts of other tangible assets such as real estate or valued collections.

Those who document or attest to the decision to make an estate gift to The Lake County Community Foundation are invited to receive formal recognition as members of The Lake County Legacy Society or may remain anonymous if desired.

### BENEFITS

Being a member of The Lake County Legacy Society gives you the opportunity to belong to a select group of like-minded people who are committed to supporting the needs of our community for this generation and for many more.

Other benefits of being a member include:

- Recognition in our annual Report to the Community honoring you for your charitable gift
- The guidance of our professional staff to assist you and/or your financial advisor with your estate and gift planning
- Special invitations to events hosted by The Lake County Community Foundation
- A personalized giving plan, as detailed or general as you'd like, to ensure your philanthropy will be meaningful to you
- Updates on the Foundation's work and impact within the community

### PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

Planning an estate gift allows you to strategically accomplish both financial and charitable objectives — making sure you have the assets you need for as long as you live, and doing something of lasting significance for the charitable causes and organizations you value. Charitable objectives may include preserving your family name, honoring your loved ones, providing for heirs, minimizing tax burdens and supporting the community you love. Bequests to The Lake County Community Foundation are exempt from estate taxes. To learn more about The Lake County Legacy Society, please contact Maria Sievert at 847.377.0520 ext 21.

Thank you for considering the future of Lake County in your estate plans!