



**EVANSTON'S
FUTURE
DEPENDS
ON WHAT WE
DO TODAY.**

Do you love Evanston?

Do you want to contribute to
its vitality long into the future?

Please consider a legacy gift to the

Evanston Community Foundation

Why is your legacy gift important?

Your gift will ensure ECF investments in our community will continue to keep pace with Evanston needs and opportunities.

How your legacy carries on

A gift to the Fund for Evanston or the Foundation Fund allows the board to direct support where it is most needed in Evanston or at the Foundation.

A gift to a restricted endowment allows the Evanston Community Foundation to direct a portion of the spending to a field of interest or organization.

With a legacy gift today, we can prepare for the future and invest your assets for a brighter tomorrow.

We may share your name as one of the growing numbers of Evanstonians and friends who are providing future gifts to the Foundation, unless you request anonymity.

The details and amount of your commitment will always remain confidential.

Personalizing your fund

The minimum amount to establish a named fund is \$50,000. Larger gifts make it possible to more narrowly direct the use of the funds to specific programs or organizations. Personalize your legacy fund with a separately identified fund that bears your name, your family's name, or the name of a loved one.

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Why invest in Evanston with an estate gift?

Your gift will be carefully stewarded and invested to provide continuous funding for the programs you know and love.

How to include us in your estate plan

One of the most popular ways to include the Evanston Community Foundation in an estate plan is through a will or donor advised fund.

Whichever method works best for you, please remember to use the official legal name, **Evanston Community Foundation**.

Here are a few examples for your adviser to consider:

- **Bequest:** "I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ from my estate [or ____ percent of my estate] to the Evanston Community Foundation."
- **Specific Bequest (a particular asset):** "I give and bequeath [e.g., ____ shares of ABC Corporation stock] to the Evanston Community Foundation."
- **Contingent Interest Clause (takes effect only under certain circumstances):** "I give, devise, and bequeath to (name of person) the sum/percentage of _____ in the event he/she survives me. Should (person named) predecease me, I give, devise, and bequeath said sum/percentage to the Evanston Community Foundation."

As always, please consult your independent tax and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.

The historical average annual investment return over 33 years (1998 through 2020) is 8.96%, with a 12.4% portfolio return in 2020.

YOUR EVANSTON LEGACY: DOING GOOD IN EVANSTON BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME.

Make a gift that will have a dramatic and longlasting impact. Make a commitment to the future of Evanston, for everyone.

Yes, I/ we have made a commitment to the Evanston Community Foundation.

Would you like to be recognized in online and print materials? Yes No

Donor name (as it should appear in future recognitions) _____ Donor name (as it should appear in future recognitions) _____

Date of birth for donor _____ Date of birth for donor _____

Address _____ City, state or province, county, and postal code _____

Email _____ Mobile phone _____

The spending portion of the gift shall be:

- Unrestricted to:
- Forever Funds** are endowed funds for Evanston's present and future. These dollars ensure that Evanston thrives during unique and challenging times.
 - Fund for Evanston** (supports grants to the community)
 - Foundation Fund** (supports future needs of ECF)

Restricted to: _____

Please contact me at the phone number above to discuss gift designation preferences.

The bequest will be funded by:

- Will or living trust
- Retirement plan beneficiary designation
- Life insurance beneficiary designation
- Donor advised fund
- Other (please describe) _____

We would like to recognize your generosity!

The gift to ECF has an approximate present value of (in US dollars): _____

My/our recognition preferences are noted below:

- Tell me more about special naming opportunities.
- I/we have another request. (Please describe below.)

Signature _____ Date _____

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Please return this form and any supporting documents you wish to share that name the Evanston Community Foundation as beneficiary.

Evanston Community Foundation

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Call 847.492.0990 or email legacy@evanstonforever.org
EIN: 36-3466802

“The community foundation can help you find a niche for your money and your passion.”



Denise Martin
Retired ETHS Assistant Superintendent/Principal
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Leadership Evanston Graduate

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The Evanston Community Foundation board is very grateful for your commitment to Evanston through the Foundation. We’d like to recognize your generosity through our Legacy Society.

LEGACY SOCIETY

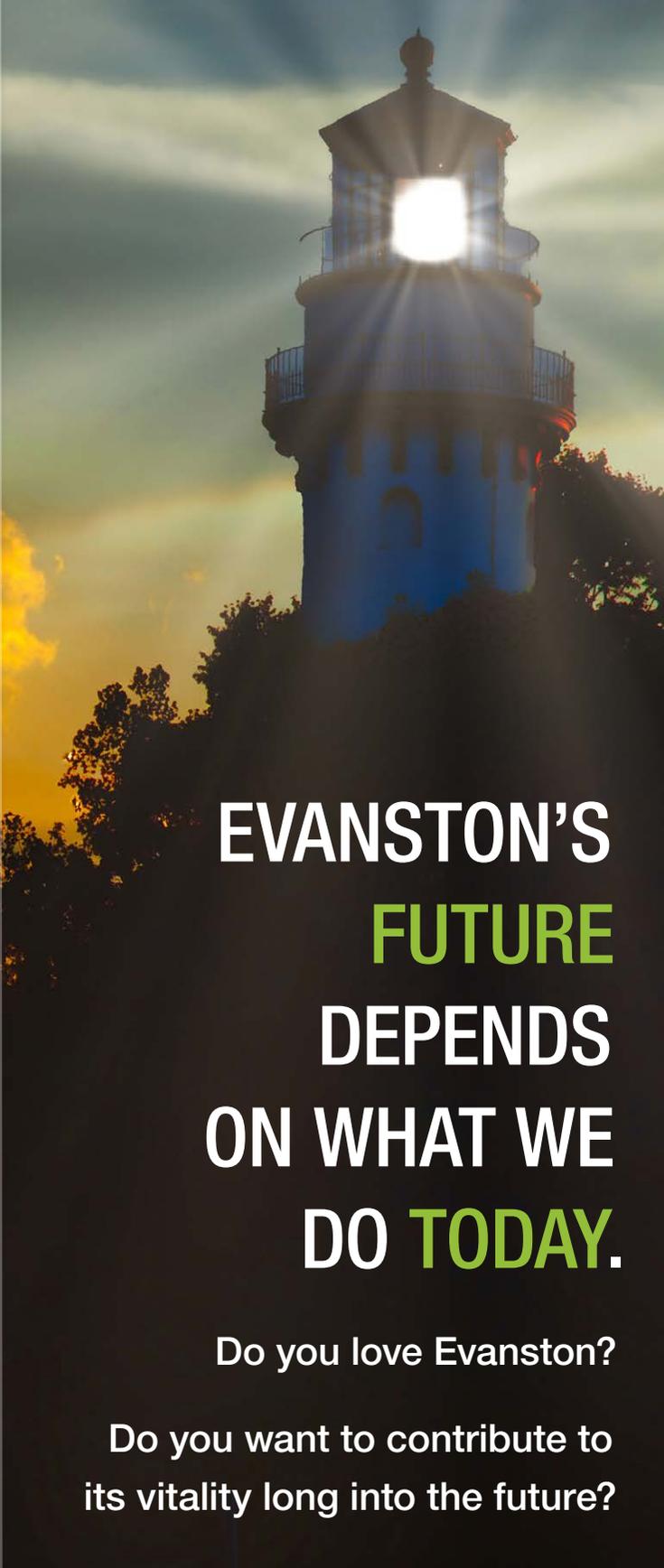
Individuals and couples who have substantiated a future gift of \$10,000 or more will be recognized in our annual report and on our website with your permission, and invited to special Foundation events.

- \$250,000** Special seating at the Evanston Community Foundation’s Celebrate!Evanston gala and all other events
- \$100,000** Inclusion in Evanston Community Foundation’s Honor Roll of Donors
- \$50,000** Named endowed fund
- \$25,000** Featured in donor newsletter
- \$10,000** Listing in Evanston Community Foundation annual report

“I hope you’ll join me, along with many other friends and Evanston neighbors, in making a commitment to our community’s future.”



Sara Schastok
Senior Philanthropic Adviser
& First President and CEO



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