



Leaving a Bequest

The most common form of giving after someone's lifetime is a gift of assets (cash or other property) made through a will, living trust, or other testamentary arrangement. Through the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF), donors can create a lasting legacy that supports local communities across northwest Kansas through GNWKCF and its affiliated community foundations.

Bequests and Beneficiary Designations

To name a Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation fund or affiliate as a beneficiary of a will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan account, the following language may be helpful in completing estate planning documents or beneficiary designation forms.

After describing what you want to leave to your fund – or a newly established named fund – (i.e., a percentage of the estate/trust/account or a specific dollar amount), please note that it will pass “to Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (EIN 48-1025832) for the following fund: *name of the fund*; or for the following affiliate community foundation: *name of local community foundation*.”

Working with Local Affiliates

Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation strengthens philanthropy across the region by working in partnership with local affiliated community foundations. Gifts made through GNWKCF ensure that charitable intentions are honored locally while benefiting from professional stewardship, investment management, and grantmaking support.

Important Considerations

When naming Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation or one of its affiliated community foundations in a planned gift, donors are encouraged to notify GNWKCF to help ensure charitable intentions are fulfilled. The appropriate wording for charitable gifts may vary based on gift type, state law, and individual circumstances. GNWKCF encourages donors to consult their legal and financial advisors when preparing estate plans.

Learn More

To learn more about leaving a charitable legacy through Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation and its affiliates, please visit www.gnwkc.org or contact the GNWKCF office, or your local community foundation, for assistance in developing customized bequest language.