



Create a lasting Legacy

Your generosity builds a lasting legacy, shaping our community for generations to come.

Every gift tells a story of hope, resilience, and community. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our Heritage Society donors, the YMCA is able to:

- Provide financial assistance to underserved families, ensuring access to programs and services that build strong minds and bodies.
- Expand our youth development programs – helping children and teens gain confidence, leadership skills and lifelong friendships.
- Maintain and enhance our facilities, creating safe and welcoming spaces for all members of our community to thrive.

Planned gifts are the foundation of our ability to serve today and tomorrow. By joining the Heritage Society you become a steward of our mission, ensuring your values and generosity live on forever.

There are several ways to make a lasting legacy in your community with the YMCA, including a tax-free gift from your IRA, charitable gift annuity, gifts of stock, or a planned gift in your estate.

IRA Rollovers

"As a longtime YMCA member, I've always admired the impact this organization has on our community. When I turned 70½, I discovered I could use my IRA to make a gift directly to the Y. By rolling over my required minimum distribution, I avoided taxes and supported programs that empower families like mine. It felt incredible to know that a lifetime of saving could now make a difference."

-Karen M., Heritage Society Member

Impact Example:

Karen's IRA rollover helped fund after-school programs that provide tutoring and mentorship to over 150 children in our community each year.

Charitable Gift Annuity

"I've always loved giving back, but as I approached retirement, I also wanted financial security. Setting up a charitable gift annuity with the YMCA was the perfect solution. It provided me with a steady income for life and allowed me to make a significant gift. I'm proud to support an organization that helps families in need and creates opportunities for young leaders."

-John P., Heritage Society Member

Impact Example:

John's gift supports summer camps, ensuring over 300 children experience outdoor adventures, leadership development, and new friendships.



Gift of Appreciated Stock

"After years of watching my investments grow, I wanted to use them to give back. By donating appreciated stock to the YMCA, I avoided capital gains taxes and maximized my contribution. This gift allowed me to support scholarships for local families, ensuring everyone has access to the life-changing programs that the Y provides."

-Emily R., Heritage Society Member

Impact Example:

Emily's stock donation funded scholarships for 50 families, providing access to swim lessons, youth sports, and fitness programs.

Estate Bequest

"When my husband and I created our will, we wanted it to reflect the values that guided our lives. Including the YMCA as a beneficiary was an easy choice. It ensures that the organization we've loved and supported for decades will continue to thrive. Knowing that our legacy will help future generations warms our hearts."

-David and Linda S., Heritage Society Members

Impact Example:

David and Linda's estate bequest will create an endowment fund, sustaining the YMCA's community outreach programs for decades to come.

Join the Heritage Society

Joining the Heritage Society means becoming part of a special group of donors committed to shaping the future of our YMCA.

Heritage Society members receive:

- Invitations to exclusive events celebrating our impact.
- Personalized updates on the programs and initiatives supported by planned gifts.
- The joy of knowing your legacy will inspire and uplift future generations.

Your planned gift—no matter the size—can make a meaningful difference. Together, we'll ensure the YMCA continues to serve as a beacon of hope and community.

To learn more about planned giving opportunities or to join the Heritage Society, contact:

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"A planned gift isn't just a donation; it's a promise to the future."

