



Guilford Green Foundation

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Guilford Green Foundation Legacy Circle

What is the Guilford Green Foundation Legacy Circle?

The Guilford Green Foundation has established the Legacy Circle to recognize supporters who leave a portion of their estates to strengthen the economic security of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community for years to come. Planned gifts are a way to leave your legacy and to meet the needs of the future LGBT generations, including needs that none of us can possibly predict today.

You can start to create your own legacy by making a gift to the Guilford Green Foundation through your financial and estate plans. Planned giving is an excellent way to make a lasting contribution to the LGBT community.

Why Become a Member of the Guilford Green Foundation Legacy Circle?

Estate planning is an excellent opportunity to protect assets for yourself and those you love. It's also a great way to give back to your community and create a legacy that reflects your life's work, your values and your commitments.

For LGBT individuals in particular, it is important to remember that without direct and advance planning state statutes will govern the distribution of assets that you have accumulated in your lifetime to your next of kin – *not your partner, nor to your friends, not to the charities of your choice*. Without the right planning, only the state and legal relatives – no matter how distant – would determine the disposition of your assets, or even make fundamental medical, legal, and financial decision if you become incapacitated prior to your death.

How do I become a member?

If you have made arrangements in your will or through some other form of deferred gift to the Guilford Green Foundation, you are already eligible. Simply let us know by completing the form enclosed. Letting the foundation know your intentions gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation through acknowledgment in our publications and at our events. It may also influence your friends who see the listing to do likewise. We welcome information regarding the type and value of a legacy gift – it helps us with our planning – but there is no requirement that you tell us any more than you wish to. The terms of your gift will remain confidential.

If you have not made arrangements, please contact Guilford Green Foundation and we would be happy to provide more information. Please call 336.790.8419 or email Cecelia Thompson at cthompson@ggfnc.org.

Planned Giving: Types of Gifts

Wills, Life Insurance and Retirement Accounts

If you want to support the Guilford Green Foundation, but haven't the current funds to do so, a gift made through a will, life insurance or retirement may be the best vehicle. All of these are easy to do, simply by adding language to your will or by naming Guilford Green Foundation as the beneficiary to your life insurance policy or retirement plan.

Charitable Remainder Trust

You may need to continue receiving income from an asset, especially during retirement, and may also wish to lock in a charitable gift while minimizing capital gain taxes. In this case, you can gift securities, real estate, or other assets, but retain the rights to receive income for life through a charitable remainder trust.

Charitable Lead Trust

If you are in a high gift and estate tax bracket, you may wish to consider a charitable lead trust. This allows you to set up a trust for a term of years, after which the assets pass to your partner or other heirs. Meanwhile, GGF receives the income annually for the term of the trust, putting it to work in the community.

Real Estate and Personal Property

A residence may be given as an outright gift or you may prefer to give your residence, farm or vacation home and retain the right to occupy it for life. This provides an immediate tax deduction and the Guilford Green Foundation assumes ownership rights after your lifetime. Personal properties such as artwork, cars or musical instruments also make excellent gifts.



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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

If you have already made provisions for a gift:

My/our gift to the Guilford Green Foundation is through the following (check all that apply):

_____ Bequest in my/our will

_____ Charitable Remainder Trust

_____ Life Insurance

_____ A gift of my IRA

_____ Other: _____

Please attach a copy of the instructions found in your will or trust pertinent to the Guilford Green Foundation.

If you wish, please advise us regarding the approximate value of your gift: \$_____

_____ I/we authorize the Guilford Green Foundation to list the following name(s) as members of the Legacy Circle: _____

_____ I/we have made provisions for a gift, but do not wish to be listed as members at this time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____