



Historic Gardens

Cultivating a Legacy

Planning Ahead...



A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. - Greek Proverb

Make a longer term commitment to support the Historic Gardens

As you consider your role in the future of the Historic Gardens, you may want to explore some ways you can provide financial support in the years ahead. While we can provide you with ideas and examples, we strongly suggest you seek professional legal or financial advice regarding your goals.

There are often many advantages to this type of planning:

- There are significant tax benefits, immediate and/or future, to some of the planned giving mechanisms
- Planning your gifts in this way allows you to look after your immediate financial needs, yet still support the Gardens over the longer term
- Planning your gifts provides peace of mind that you are helping the Gardens long into the future and even after your death; you are truly...

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Bequests: Leaving a gift to the Gardens in your will is a great example of how you can support the Gardens in the future while not straining your personal resources in the short term.

The “why wait?” approach to bequests: Several of our supporters had planned a bequest to the Gardens, but then came to the conclusion that the Gardens could benefit more from having that money right away. So they made a cash donation for that amount, took advantage of the tax deduction, and modified their will accordingly. Depending on your financial situation, you too may ask “why wait?”

Obituaries: Whether specifying memorial donations to the Historic Gardens when a loved one dies, or making this designation in your own funeral pre-planning, this method provides a very direct way to encourage others to support the Gardens.

Life Insurance: Making the Historic Gardens the beneficiary of a Life Insurance policy is one of the most flexible planned giving options available to donors. Depending on how you wish to structure your gift, you can realize significant tax advantages during your lifetime or there can be benefits to your estate.

Gifts of Shares and Securities: Many people do not realize that they have the capacity to make a financial contribution to the Historic Gardens through a gift of appreciated securities. There are significant tax advantages to this method of giving.

Cash Donations: Not to ignore the obvious, simple cash donations are very straightforward and provide you with the benefit of a tax deduction.

Pledging a Multi-year Donation: Another great option is to pledge an annual donation in an amount you are comfortable with financially. This provides you with a workable contribution schedule, and allows the Gardens to plan the immediate future with knowledge of this commitment.

As an additional insert, we have provided case studies to illustrate how some of these options could work.



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