Building tomorrow together.
Our community will be stronger because of you.
The vision of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado is to transform lives through relationships that build individual resiliency and thriving communities. Your legacy allows thousands more to build resiliency, to strengthen community, to find hope. **Your generosity is our future.**

Planning your philanthropy is a good step to take, no matter who you are giving to or in what amount. Life can change in a moment- make sure you, your loved ones, and your favorite charities are remembered.

**Why is having a will important?**
While thinking through end-of-life decisions may be difficult, it ensures that your estate goes to those you love, rather than through a lengthy process that can result in a division of your estate that does not meet your wishes.

**What are the benefits of having a will?**
- You leave behind a legacy and are remembered after your passing
- Estate tax, state, and federal regulatory burdens are lessened for your family
- You may be eligible for estate tax savings while you are living

**Legacy Gifts**
Ensure your legacy continues with a gift made through a will or estate plan. You can name a spouse, children, or an organization as a primary beneficiary, or name multiple parties as partial beneficiaries to support several family members and organizations at your passing.

By naming Catholic Charities of Central Colorado as a beneficiary in your will, trust, insurance policies, or other financial holdings, you continue to show your love of the mission and work. Naming beneficiaries is easier than you might think!

There are four main types of bequest gifts: unrestricted, restricted, residual, and contingent, each with their own unique way of remembering your favorite charitable missions after your passing. Bequests are generally revocable gifts, meaning they can be changed or modified at any time.
Types of Bequest Gifts

Unrestricted
Unrestricted gifts ensure the work of the mission continues, thanks to you. You can designate either a specific dollar amount or a specific percentage of your total estate.

Restricted
Do you have a cherished program at Catholic Charities of Central Colorado that you would like to support specifically? You can choose to leave a gift for a favorite program to strengthen its future.

Residual
Residual gifts to Catholic Charities are made after other obligations are completed.

Contingent
Contingent gifts to Catholic Charities take effect when a primary beneficiary is no longer living.

Sample Language

I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath ___(dollar or percent of total estate) to Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 228 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903, federal tax ID #84-0586169, for Catholic Charities of Central Colorado’s general use and purpose.

To help you and your advisor draft a bequest, we can provide sample language and key terms readily upon request.

“We want to make sure Catholic Charities is sustained for the future and to leave something of monumental value for others.”

Dick & Evelyn - long-time Catholic Charities friends, donors, volunteers, and legacy giving members
IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

QCDs made to Catholic Charities provide several benefits. Reduce your taxable income without itemizing, meet your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) obligation and qualify for generous state income tax credits – all while supporting the work you love!

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make your gift.
- The donation must be made directly from your IRA to Catholic Charities.
- For more information, contact our Chief Development Officer at (719) 866-6440

Catholic Legacy Society and The Catholic Foundation

For more information on how to remember a treasured parish or Diocesan project in your will, please contact the Director of Development and Planned Giving with the Diocese of Colorado Springs - (719) 866-6518.

Other Ways to Give

**Stocks**
Gifts of appreciated stock/securities may result in a tax savings for you while avoiding capital gains. Catholic Charities gratefully accepts stock donations. For more information, including how the donation process works, contact our office at (719) 866-6440.

**Real Estate, including land, art, and other properties**
Catholic Charities of Central Colorado is grateful to accept your gift of real estate, including jewelry, land, art, and other cherished items. Please contact our office at (719) 866-6440 for more information, including what items can be donated and how to make your gift, either now or in your bequest.
There are so many ways to support the work you know and love!

Contact Us
At Catholic Charities, we know these decisions are not easy and are often best made through conversation, prayer, and reflection. If we can help in your planning, please contact our Chief Development Officer at Development@CCharitiesCC.org or 719-866-6440.

Let Us Know!
Are you including Catholic Charities in your estate planning? Please let us know! We want to thank each and every person who has committed to changing lives in Central Colorado.

Key Terms
As you discuss these important decisions with your attorney, be thinking of the following components:

- **Beneficiary** – individuals or charities inheriting either part of or the entirety of your estate
- **Bequests** – a promise of a gift of money, real estate, or other property you are leaving to named beneficiaries upon your death
- **Guardians** – individual(s) you nominate to care for a child or pet
- **Executor** - the person(s) carrying out the administrative duties outlined in your will
- **Payment of taxes, debts, and administration of estate** – money owed after time of passing to various governmental or private entities
- **Codicils and revocations of prior wills** – alterations made to prior estate plans (codicils) or removing legal power of previously-created wills and bequests