

Legacy Circle



**THE RUSK COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Your Legacy can make a difference!

Plan Your Lasting Legacy

What is Legacy giving?

Legacy giving is the transfer of assets to a charitable organization, often upon someone's passing. By entrusting gifts to RCCF, you ensure that your contributions will be used wisely to support the causes you love.

What is the Legacy Circle?

When donors leave charitable contributions to RCCF in their wills, trusts, or estate plans, RCCF recognizes them as members of the Legacy Circle .

What will your legacy be?

Here are a few benefits of planning now, regardless of age or financial situation:

- **You will be a philanthropist.**
There is no minimum for legacy giving, and there are many ways to give. Small gifts can make a big difference.
- **You will be a role model.**
Legacy giving shows your children and your grandchildren the importance of philanthropy and reinforces charitable giving as an important family value.
- **You can support your causes, your family, and your community.**
You can simultaneously provide for your heirs and your charitable organizations.
- **RCCF will navigate the planning process with you.**
You are never too young to plan. We'll help you think through what inspires you and assist you and your advisors through the process.

What can be supported?



Unrestricted support of community needs



Nonprofit Organizations



Schools or Churches



Scholarship Funds



Universities



Government Entities

Limitless possibilities

If you have several organizations or causes you'd like to support, RCCF can help you do it. Endowed gifts are a way to make sure that you can support your favorite organizations forever.

Tribute gifts in honor or memory of someone special

Tributes and Memorials allow donors to celebrate the lives of people who are important to them. Gifts can be made in memory of a loved one who passed away or in honor of someone who's still with us; either way, these gifts create a lasting legacy by serving a charitable purpose into perpetuity.

Legacy Giving made Easy

RCCF has been the steward for philanthropically minded community members for over 15 years. We will work with your attorney and/or financial advisor to help you define and navigate where you want your dollars to go. With RCCF, you will be assured that we will act as a steward of your intentions into the future. Most importantly, you will have the flexibility to change the purpose of your legacy by amending the distribution, grantee(s), and/or percentages at any time without needing to update your will, and without a fee.



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

Legacy Giving Made Easy

Ways to create a legacy gift

Designate or name RCCF as one of your beneficiaries of the following:

Legacy Possibilities

Retirement Plans
(e.g. IRA or 401K)

Life Insurance

Will & Trust

Annuities

Charitable Trust

Business

Real Estate

Property

Benefits of Partnering with RCCF

- Diversify a gift for multiple causes or nonprofits through one simple process.
- Engage future generations in granting decisions through succession planning.
- RCCF will assist in planning should your originally named nonprofits cease to exist or your original philanthropic purpose is met.
- Your legacy will live on FOREVER, supporting the causes you care about the most.
- You can leave a gift of any amount. There is no minimum for gifts to existing funds, such as RCCF'S Community Grants Fund.

Legacy Circle Members

Anonymous

Gordon & Beverly Dukerschein

Larry & Shirley Dukerschein

Karen Ek

Joseph R. Geisler*

Wayne & Carol Gullstad

Dinah Hahn

Creighton (Corky) Hoffman

Dan & Sue Kempen

Dennis B. Kovac

Anita* & George Lawrence

Tina Lemke

Todd Lemke

Bob & Barb Lorkowski

Charles McCain

Allen Miller & Richard LaBelle

Jack & Jackie Pederson

Kevin Smith & Rebecca Allen

Joanne Spooner

Mark Stensvold & Margaret Foss

Patrick Sweeny

Joel & Sara Taylor

Linde Vacho

Dennis Van Wey*

* Denotes Deceased

Dukerschein Testimonial

Gordon and Beverly Dukerschein are lifelong residents of Rusk County and were the second-generation owners of Artisans Inc. Upon their retirement in 2016, they created an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and sold the company to their employees. As parents of three grown children and grandparents of seven, they have worked to instill a spirit of philanthropy in their family and beyond.

Gordie and Bev wanted to leave a lasting legacy to the place they call home and have chosen to include the Rusk County Community Foundation in their estate plan. It is their way of providing enduring support to the causes that they care most about. During their lives they have supported a wide range of global charities, but Rusk County is where they lived, worked, and raised their family. It's home. Out of gratitude for the many blessings they have received and because of their love for this community, they are eager to improve lives and be a catalyst for addressing the needs of the next generation and beyond.

The overriding reason that the Dukerscheins made this commitment was trust. They were familiar with RCCF from Bev's time as Chair and the fact that they have their own donor-advised fund that allows them to see the process during their lifetime. "We knew the investment practices and the dedication of the Board of Directors would ensure that our gift would be handled with care. We were able to give with confidence," said Bev. Gordie stated that "Recognition is not our motivation at all. We have been so blessed and are called to be a blessing to others. If we can help RCCF by making our intentions public, that only strengthens the mission of the Foundation. From the time we were first married, we experienced the joy that giving brings. Being able give beyond our lifetimes will be the ultimate joy."



Patrick Sweeney Testimonial

Patrick Sweeney, a graduate of Ladysmith High School, carries a deep appreciation for the love of learning that permeates his family. Growing up, he witnessed the unwavering commitment and support his family provided to students in Ladysmith's classrooms, fueling their educational aspirations. With his mother, Gloria Sweeney, being a math, English and reading teacher, and his grandmother, Irene Felland, being a teacher and principal, the importance of education was ingrained in him from an early age. Their commitment was supported by Delbert Felland, a successful business man and uncle of Patrick's.

To honor the cherished memories of Gloria Sweeney, Irene and Delbert Felland, Patrick Sweeney has decided to establish the Patrick A. Sweeney Scholarship as part of his estate planning. This scholarship will serve as a testament to the enduring legacy of his family's dedication to education and their belief in the power of academic achievements. Gloria believed education is something no one could take away.

Patrick embarked on his entrepreneurial journey at 16, placing vending machines across five counties. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the UW-Stout in 1978. Throughout his career, he diversified his investments, including retail businesses, writing mortgages, real estate, and more. After serving as a Deputy Sheriff in Rusk County for approximately 25 years, fulfilling various roles such as the 911 Center, Jail, Sergeant, Patrol, and Water and Snow Patrol, he retired and relocated to Dallas, Texas. Currently, he relishes life, indulging in extensive global travel and exploration across six continents including places like Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

Patrick Sweeney shapes Ladysmith students' futures by investing in their education through the RCCF's Legacy Circle.



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*RCCF does not offer legal advice to individuals regarding their tax, financial, and estate planning. We encourage donors considering a bequest to the Foundation to work with their legal and financial advisors.