

# Inspired Giving

## Anonymous Donor Establishes Endowment

Though hospital chaplaincy may not immediately come to mind when we consider the many ministries of our Church, for those who are ill and their families, a hospital chaplain provides tremendous support and comfort. Such was the case for the anonymous donor who established *The Catholic Chaplaincy Endowment for MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center.* 

Recalling the establishment of the fund, Reverend Monsignor Robert Hartnett, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middle River (OLMC), said, "This person came to me and said they wanted to make a significant donation. We talked about several possibilities, but one of the things the person talked about was a loved one being in the hospital and getting a visit from Father Patrick Besel. This person was so appreciative." Father Besel, Associate Pastor of OLMC, also works as the Catholic Chaplain at MedStar Franklin Square.

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Continued from previous page Though the largest religious denomination represented at the hospital is Roman Catholic, the hospital does not financially support the presence of a Catholic chaplain and support for one has traditionally come from the ten parishes surrounding the hospital. Monsignor Hartnett had long thought something should be done on a more permanent basis to ensure money would be available to pay a chaplain who could be a regular presence.

Once this was explained to the anonymous donor, it became clear that this issue was one he or she most wanted to see addressed—to help make sure there would always be a chaplain to help Catholics at MedStar Franklin Square in need.

The Catholic Community Foundation is very grateful for this anonymous donor's generosity, which will help ensure that the efforts of Father Besel and future chaplains will endure.



# Making Your Gift

*4 Easy Steps to Including the Catholic Community Foundation in Your Will or Trust* 

Remembering the Catholic Community Foundation in your will or trust is one of the most enduring statements you can make about your belief in our mission. The support you have offered during your lifetime can endure for years to come.

Your gift can be a specific asset, such as a certain amount of cash, securities or a percentage of your estate. Plus, a gift in your will is flexible—it can be updated or revoked at any time—and it can be accomplished in as few as four steps:

- Determine whether you'd like to make a gift of a specific amount or if you'd like to leave a percentage.
- Decide if you want to direct your gift to help a particular archdiocesan parish, school or ministry, or leave your gift unrestricted.
- **3.** Contact the Foundation or return the enclosed reply card to receive sample language needed to complete your gift.
- **4.** Share the sample language with your attorney so your gift can be put in place.

If you have questions during the process of including a gift in your will or trust, please do not hesitate to contact us at 410-547-5356.



## Forever and a Day

#### The Lifetime of an Endowment Means Your Generosity Never Ends

Would you like to extend your values by making a gift to an archdiocesan parish, school or ministry that will last indefinitely? Consider establishing an endowment with the Catholic Community Foundation. It's a powerful way to show your support, while also realizing tax benefits for your kindness.

To create an endowment, you make a gift that the Foundation carefully invests. Then, each year a small portion of the endowment is used to meet your charitable goals. The rest of the fund remains invested to keep it healthy and growing far into the future. Here are some typical questions and answers about this type of gift.

#### What's the best way to fund an endowment?

There are a number of different options. You can fund it today with gifts of cash or appreciated

securities, or establish the endowment after your lifetime with gifts of retirement plan assets or life insurance benefits.

Who decides how my endowment will be used? You do. You choose which parish, school or ministry your endowment fund will support.

How can I be certain my wishes will be honored? To ensure that your gift is always used according to your wishes, your charitable intentions are put in writing so there will never be confusion.

Please visit the Foundation online at **ccfmd.org** or call us at 410-547-5356 to learn more about how you can leave a legacy of helping others.





### Simple Ways to Make an Impact

Return the enclosed reply card to request a FREE guide on powerful gift options that are simple to make and won't cost you anything today.

# A Gift That Pays You for Life

The concept of a charitable gift annuity is simple. You donate assets that the Catholic Community Foundation invests. In return, the Foundation agrees to make fixed payments to you for life (and, if desired, for another beneficiary's lifetime). At the end of the agreement, the funds are available for our mission's use.

A charitable gift annuity is attractive because it ensures you a stream of income that you can't outlive. It is also a superb way to make an enduring gift that supports our mission when the balance becomes available for our needs.

Not only does this gift provide you with regular payments *and* allow the Foundation to further our work, but when you create a charitable gift annuity with the Foundation you can receive a variety of tax benefits, including a federal income tax charitable deduction if you itemize.

The rate you receive is determined by your age on the date of the gift. Annuity rates are higher for older donors, but the rate remains constant once the gift is made. For two lives, the rates are slightly lower because the period of payment is usually longer.

If you are younger than 60 or don't need your payments immediately, you can set up a deferred gift annuity. This allows you to delay receiving payments until a later date—such as when you reach retirement.

#### **Benefits**

- Receive lifetime payments for yourself and possibly another person.
- Qualify for a charitable deduction for a portion of the value of the gift.
- Secure partially income tax-free payments.
- Save on capital gains taxes when you contribute appreciated securities.

#### **Get a Personalized Illustration**

Discover your personal benefits with a custom illustration of your charitable gift annuity opportunity. Simply contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 410-547-5356 or CatholicCommunityFoundation@archbalt.org for your no-obligation calculation.



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