

Generations of Generous Donors Plan for a Great(er) Community

The Nettie J. Dayton Circle

It is a special type of person who provides for the future of his or her community. There's no secret to it. It's not a hard thing to do when you have a desire to do good and the right partner to help you do it.

Ninety years ago, Nettie J. Dayton was our community's special person and The Community Foundation was the partner. Her modest, yet visionary bequest established The Foundation's first fund; she was its very first donor. It's anybody's guess if Nettie truly understood the magnitude of her simple act of estate planning — how it would immortalize her in the annals of history as 'the First' to launch our community's permanent charitable trust which today distributes over 20 million annually to improve people's lives.

To honor Nettie's ground-breaking role, The Foundation's legacy society is named the Nettie J. Dayton Circle. This Circle recognizes those donors, like Nettie, who have included The Community Foundation in their wills, or made other planned giving arrangements through retirement plans, personal trusts and life income gifts. Read on to learn how other Circle members plan to support or have already supported our community.

Inspired by Her Parent's Example

Shelly Saczynski, former member of The Community Foundation's Board and active philanthropist, makes annual contributions to several organizations in Greater New Haven. Inspired by her father's example of providing a home for his children, Shelly created a provision in her will that establishes a fund upon her death supporting organizations addressing chronic homelessness.



Shelly Saczynski

Fighting for Social Justice, Now and Forever

A graduate of New York Theological Seminary, Dr. Leon Bailey Jr. has long been interested in social justice. His work with nonprofits includes launching the first Family Planning Clinic for men in New Jersey and starting one of the first community-based alternative programs for incarceration for children in New Jersey and the country. Dr. Bailey has named The Community Foundation as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy to ensure that social justice — whatever that may look like in the future — will have his 'small voice' of support.



Dr. Leon Bailey

An Estate Plan that Keeps Her Values Alive

Lindy Lee Gold grew up in the Jewish faith, adhering to the basic precept of tikkun olam (repair the world). It's no wonder that she has spent the past 50 years establishing and serving on the boards of nonprofits. Lindy loves public sector work and has always had a passion for advocacy and a vision of linking people and resources to improve communities.

As a New Haven resident, Lindy has crossed paths with The Community Foundation many times. Her belief in focused philanthropy and collaboration inspired her to include The Foundation in her estate plans. "The Foundation has an unwavering moral compass. Its priorities reflect my values. Of course, I enjoy making my own choices with charitable giving, but I know that there will be a time when I cannot. The Foundation is the best option in which to invest for the social return that I want for my hard-earned money."



Lindy Lee Gold

Paying It Forward to Advance Women & Girls

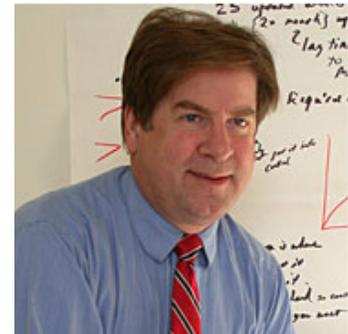
A beneficiary of a bequest, Pamela Rendeiro paid it forward when she used that money to start the Community Fund for Woman and Girls in 1995. Initially anonymous, the retired Southern Connecticut State University professor watched with quiet pride as women in Greater New Haven gave their support — many pledging dollars to an endowment for the first time. From her initial donation, the Fund has grown to annually distribute approximately \$100,000 and stands as the region’s only endowment dedicated to promoting the social and economic advancement of women and girls. Pamela’s final act of generosity was completed when she made a bequest to the Fund from her estate.



Pam Rendeiro

Not Now, But Eventually

Jeffery Wack moved to North Carolina five years ago after spending thirty-plus years in Greater New Haven. The former Yale University professor has a full plate these days as a professor of strategic marketing at Columbia University in New York and owner of a consulting firm to independent schools in New York and North Carolina. Though 500 miles away from New Haven, Jeff has fond memories of the area he once called home and of The Community Foundation. He would like to be able to give something back, when the timing is right.

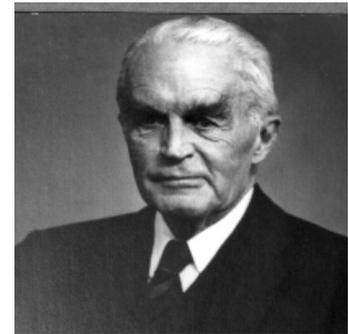


Jeffery Wack, PhD

“While I have the intent to give to The Foundation, significant gifts at this stage of life would upset my financial advisor. I’m sandwiched. I’m ‘donating’ to my elderly parents, I’m ‘donating’ to the college expenses of a niece, and I may well be ‘donating’ should my sons pursue graduate school or buy a house in the next few years. These are my personal priorities. So, the bequest is the ‘not now, but eventually’ method.”

A Wife Honors Her Husband for Eternity

It was 1969. The first man landed on the moon and Olga M. Trowbridge used a bequest in her will to honor her late husband, Hayes, who for 40 years had served as the commissioner of the New Haven Parks Commission. Hayes was instrumental in developing New Haven’s vast park lands. He also sponsored public projects that included park tours, holiday carol parties, and special lunches. East Rock Park – a 425-acre jewel in the crown of the New Haven park system – was his favorite. Olga’s unrestricted bequest established the Hayes Q. Trowbridge Fund which helped create the Trowbridge Environmental Center in Hayes’ beloved East Rock Park and has distributed more than \$1.2 million locally to develop youth, support the arts, meet basic needs and address other challenges throughout the region.



Hayes Trowbridge

Imagine the possibilities now more than ever.