



We invite you to continue your support of Shepherd's Table through planned giving and creating Your Charitable Legacy.

How can you “do something more”? Planned giving is one way to build your legacy with a donation that will help Shepherd's Table continue to provide its valuable services to the community in the future. Planned giving can be as simple or as sophisticated as you wish.

These are some options for including Shepherd's Table in your estate plan. Although it is not required, Shepherd's Table would appreciate being advised if it is included in your estate planning, so we may thank you and extend you membership in our *Table of Friends*.

- **Bequest** – a gift of personal property through a will or living trust – may be made in any amount, and may be unrestricted or designated for a specific program or purpose.

Sample language for including Shepherd's Table in your will:

- I give, devise and bequeath to Shepherd's Table the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____), to support Shepherd's Table general purposes (or for a special project of your choosing).
 - I give, devise and bequeath to Shepherd's Table _____ percent (____%) of my adjusted gross estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, to support Shepherd's Table general purposes (or for a special project of your choosing).
 - *(If you wish to make a contingent bequest)* If the above-named beneficiaries should predecease me, then I give their share of my estate to Shepherd's Table.
 - Shepherd's Table is a non-profit charitable organization whose current mailing address is 8106 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 and whose Federal Taxpayer Identification Number is 52-1381738. It is helpful to include this information in your bequest.
- **Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designation** – If you designate Shepherd's Table as your beneficiary, a qualified retirement plan such as an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), Keogh plan or pension assets designated for Shepherd's table would pass tax-free at the time of your death. You would not have to revise your will, but simply complete a beneficiary designation form and submit it to your retirement plan administrator.
 - **Life Insurance** – Options for charitable giving include (a) donating a life insurance policy to Shepherd's Table now and taking a tax deduction for the policy's cash value; and (b) naming Shepherd's Table as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

This material is not offered as legal or tax advice, and is intended solely for informational purposes, to inform you about some charitable giving options. Individual circumstances will vary. Please consult your attorney, financial planner and/or tax advisor for advice about your intended donation to Shepherd's Table.



Legacy donor, community leader:

George Neighbors
Silver Spring, MD

George Neighbors, former Chair of our Board of Directors, set an example for planned giving by including Shepherd's Table in his estate plans. As he considered what he wanted his own legacy to be, George concluded that a bequest from his estate would reflect his values and priorities by providing Shepherd's Table means to continue its service in years to come.

It was his way of serving an organization that serves so many needy people in our community. George knows and respects the staff, directors and leadership of Shepherd's Table, and his planned gift is a reflection of his trust that they would be responsible stewards of his bequest.

Each dinner and brunch guest, each client or shopper at the clothing closet and each patient at the eye clinic is treated with dignity and respect. The community embraces Shepherd's Table, and Shepherd's Table assists those who might otherwise "fall through the cracks" of social services.

As George considered how he wanted his material assets to be distributed after his death, he concluded that Shepherd's Table could benefit and positively affect the most people with the greatest need. *This would be his legacy: to serve the needy, inspire others to give, and support the staff and volunteers who make possible the good work of Shepherd's Table.*

George's family was not surprised when he told them he had included Shepherd's Table in his will, and they fully supported his decision. They appreciate that Shepherd's Table is an integral part of George's life, a reflection of how he intends and tries to live his life. George notes that, if his family's needs should change (for better or worse), he could later modify his will as needed to reflect any changed circumstances.

George reports that including Shepherd's Table in his will was easy and low-cost: no different than naming a relative or friend. He decided to make these arrangements now rather than later, to be sure that when the time comes, his estate will be distributed in a way that honors his values and priorities.

Your legacy.

Include Shepherd's Table in your estate plans.

Naming Shepherd's Table as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, 401(k) or other retirement plan is an easy way to make a lasting commitment to meeting needs in our community.

Benefits of a bequest:

- Costs nothing now.
- May enable you to make a larger gift than you might have thought possible.
- Can be done at any age, and may be easily modified as your needs change.
- Earns you membership in the *Table of Friends*.
- Fulfills your enduring commitment to feed, clothe, and provide for those in need, right here in our community.

Contact us

If you have included Shepherd's Table in your estate plans, kindly let us know:

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