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MISSION Be a catalyst! Ignite our community's passion for nature and science.

VISION An empowered community that loves, understands and protects our natural world.
Make a difference for generations to come.



 DENVER MUSEUM OF
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PLANNED GIVING

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Become a member of the Edwin Carter Legacy Society!

Contact the Museum at www.dmns.planmylegacy.org or 303.370.8262. As a member of the Edwin Carter Legacy Society, you will be among those who have included the Museum in their estate plan. Join us as we participate in special activities and events throughout the year.



A GIFT THAT LASTS

With a legacy gift to the Museum, you can have a lasting impact for your family, friends, and community. As we continue to provide world-class exhibits and engaging educational programs, your legacy gift ensures transformative experiences for our guests for generations to come. Whether you are starting a new job, creating a financial plan, or contemplating an estate plan, legacy giving offers ways to connect you and your loved ones with the enduring mission of the Museum.



EXPLORE LEGACY GIVING

Gifts From Your Will

This very popular option is the easiest and most flexible way for you to have a lasting impact on the Museum while maintaining control over your assets throughout your lifetime. By including a gift in your will or trust, you can designate a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a percentage of your estate. If you already have a will, you may amend it to include a gift to the Museum.

Beneficiary Designations

This option can be as simple as completing a form that names the Museum as either the primary or contingent beneficiary. Your gift can be made from all or a portion of a:

- Bank Account
- Investment Account
- IRA, 401(k), or other Qualified Retirement Plan
- Annuity
- Life Insurance Policy

You may designate a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of the gift and you maintain complete control over the asset during your lifetime.

Advantages of a Retirement Plan Gift

Creating a legacy gift from your retirement plan can be an especially appealing option. By designating the Museum as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your estate, you can ensure that the amount of your gift will not be included in your taxable estate. The gift will be transferred tax-free from the retirement plan to the Museum, thereby reducing taxes and increasing available assets for your heirs.

Charitable Gift Annuity – Gifts That Pay Income

With a charitable gift annuity, you can create a meaningful contribution to the Museum while receiving income for yourself and/or a chosen beneficiary for the rest of your lives. This “Life Income Option” ensures mutual benefits for both you and the Museum.

How A Gift Annuity Works:

In exchange for a gift of at least \$10,000 in cash or securities to the Museum, dependable payments are made for life for up to two beneficiaries.

- You and/or your beneficiary receive fixed quarterly payments for life.
- The attractive rate of the payments is determined by the age (70 or older) and the number of annuitants (one or two).
- You can begin receiving payments immediately (if you are 70 or older) or defer payments for a year or more.
- You are eligible for an immediate income tax deduction. If you donate appreciated assets, you may also save on capital gains taxes.
- A portion of the annuity payment may be considered a tax-free return on principal.
- Recent tax law changes make gift annuities even more attractive for those 70½ or older: you can make a tax-free, one-time qualified charitable distribution of up to \$50,000 from your IRA to fund a charitable gift annuity.

Other Ways to Create Legacy Gifts

- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Memorials and Tribute Gifts
- Endowed Gifts
- Donor Advised Funds