Testimonials from CNC Legacy Society Members

“The staff and programs of CNC have mentored and inspired our family for many years. Education, awareness and protection of our natural and cultural resources have become an important part of our lives. Membership in the Legacy Society allows us to ensure that the mission of CNC to teach and inspire continues for future generations.”

— Marianne and Fred McKelvy

“I chose to become a Legacy Society member for two specific reasons. First, I believe that our natural resources need to be preserved, and this is best done through local involvement and support. Second, it seems that more young people are growing up with a limited exposure to and appreciation of how to enjoy and preserve natural resources and wildlife. We are very fortunate to have a resource like CNC in our community which embraces these areas. It is our responsibility to support CNC in any/every way we can so it may continue to educate and enrich the lives of all who visit now and in future generations.”

— Sandy Simmons

Thank You for Your Consideration

Thank you for your interest in Chippewa Nature Center’s Legacy Society. We would be honored if you feel that joining the Legacy Society is the right fit for you. By doing so, you would be joining like-minded individuals who also want to see the work of CNC continue for generations to come.

Contact Us

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding a planned gift to Chippewa Nature Center, please contact:

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Pictured on front:
The Wilkins Family, CNC Legacy Society members

Legends Society
Planned Giving Program
A way to express your love and appreciation of nature
What is the Legacy Society?

Planned giving is for everyone – all ages and financial status. Chippewa Nature Center’s Legacy Society is a planned giving program that provides an opportunity for you to become a part of something that has meaning, changes lives and endures. Charitable giving through a planned gift also ensures that the Nature Center will continue to protect our most precious resource, the natural world, and that the organization will be able to provide nature-based education for future generations.

Your Commitment

Chippewa Nature Center can be named as a beneficiary in your will or trust in various ways, such as by designating a dollar amount or percentage of your estate.

Giving options include:
• cash, stock or real estate
• charitable remainder trust
• life insurance
• IRA or other retirement contract
• charitable gift annuity

Wills can be changed at any time. Because relationships and circumstances evolve over time, your will should naturally do the same. You may alter your plans, allowing you to make a commitment now, knowing that you are free to make updates later.

Recognition

Legacy Society members are recognized during their life and for perpetuity through CNC publications and at special events. All you need to do is notify us that your plan is in place.

Various recognition benefits include:*
• Invitation to annual donor thank you event(s)
• Acknowledgment at annual meeting
• Listing in annual report
• Recognition on web site and in a display located in the Visitor Center highlighting the Legacy Society

* You may elect to remain anonymous

Consult a Professional

Chippewa Nature Center encourages you to consult with the professional(s) who can best answer your questions as they relate to your specific situation. Discussions with the following professionals may include:

Certified public accountant
• Income and Estate tax benefit to gifting
• How taxes are affected by a gift
• Gift tax law

Attorney
• Legal aspect of establishing a gift/donation
• Benefit of a trust
• Charitable gifting opportunities

Financial advisor
• Establishing a charitable gifting plan
• Identify proper financial gifting vehicle