



How to make a gift to the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library Endowment

1. **Cash:** The easiest type of gift to make is one of cash, which can be accomplished by writing a check. Checks should be written to: Friends of the LeClaire Community Library Endowment. Alternatively, the checks may be written to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend (CFGRB), with a notation on the memo line that the gift is for the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library Endowment. Credit card gifts can be made using our secure online donation process at www.cfgrb.org. (Most credit card companies have a fee for all transactions of up to 3%).
2. **Gifts of Appreciated Stock:** Gifts of stock are beneficial because they save taxes twice. Not only do you receive an income tax deduction for your gift, but you also avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation. To ensure that your stock gift is directed into the appropriate fund, and accomplished in a timely manner, please call the Community Foundation at 326-2840, and ask for either Kathy Graves or Hannah Morrell. These staff members will assist you and your broker in completing the transfer for your gift.
3. **Bequest:** Making a bequest through your will, or through your living trust, is a wonderful way to make a future gift. Because each person's situation is different, it is best if you call the Community Foundation and have a confidential conversation with Susan Skora, President, or Barbara Melbourne, Vice President. They can provide you and your advisor with the appropriate language to complete such a gift.
4. **Gift through an IRA or other Retirement Plan:** Using retirement plan assets is another way to make a gift to benefit the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library Endowment that can also benefit you as a part of your overall financial and estate planning. It is important to discuss your intentions with your advisor, and to contact the Community Foundation to ensure that the gift is structured in the most tax-beneficial manner for your situation.
5. **Other Planned Gifts:** The Community Foundation offers an array of gift arrangements that offer significant advantages to donors, including diversification of assets, increased income and tax savings, as well as the potential to enhance other financial and estate planning goals. If you are interested in making a gift to the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library Endowment and you would like to receive income from your gift, please contact the Foundation to discuss the possibilities. Many donors are now enjoying the benefits of these arrangements, often called "planned gifts."
6. **Remember Endow Iowa Tax Credits:** In addition the donors for income tax charitable deductions, all gifts to the LeClaire Library Endowment qualify the donors for Endow Iowa tax credits of 20% of the value of their gifts. Please contact the Community Foundation if you have any questions about this program.