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Leave a Legacy Fergus Falls is designed to inspire and educate people to think beyond their lifespan when doing good works.

We partner with all types of nonprofit groups, including social services and arts organizations, churches, hospitals and educational institutions.

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By making bequests and other 'planned gifts,' you can continue to help organizations that are making an important difference in your community. What better way to thank the people or organizations that have had an impact on your life than to make a contribution from your estate through a bequest?



## A Bright Future is Out There



**LEAVE A LEGACY<sup>®</sup>**  
Fergus Falls

A CHARITY TO MATCH YOUR CAUSE

## Why Give?

Most people will require some kind of assistance in their lives, whether it's physical, financial or spiritual. Perhaps an organization supplied meals during a tough time. Maybe you were given a scholarship that made the dream of college possible or were shown compassionate care during an illness or injury. Maybe you wish more funding was available for domestic abuse shelters or a treasured program.

During life's struggles, we are often reminded that more must be done to continue positive, humane acts of kindness. We must sustain programs for personal enrichment.



### CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

## How to Give?

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. There are different kinds of bequests.

Types of Bequests:

- General
- Residuary
- Specific
- Contingency

Without a will, there is no mechanism in place to make a bequest, so here are the steps you should take to make sure your wishes are granted.

1. Make a list of organizations or causes that you would like to support.
2. Make a detailed list of your assets.
3. Set up an appointment with your financial analyst or attorney, or planned giving officer at the organization you intend to support.

### ONE DONOR'S VISION

## The Lowes

Warren and Jannette were born and raised in Minnesota. Warren worked for 3M and purchased Mandersheid Company, a primary distributor of 3M's abrasive materials products in the Midwest. Jannette's father and mother owned a summer home on Otter Tail Lake that the family enjoyed. Upon retirement in 2002, they made their home in Fergus Falls.

Warren loved curling and was appointed the Director of Finance for what is now the World Curling Federation headquartered in Perth, Scotland. This provided an opportunity for the Lowes to travel and participate in many of the Winter Olympics. Warren was active in Rotary International which supports service to others and strives to "... *advance world understanding, good will and peace* ...." Jannette loved to sing and music was very important to her.

Both were lifelong learners who cherished libraries and their mission. Warren used his fundraising skills to help raise funds for the library expansion. Jannette died in September of 2020 and Warren died in February of 2022. A portion of the funds donated by the Lowe's estate was donated to the Fergus Falls Public Library Foundation for the creation of an Arts and Culture collection honoring their memory.