Do you want your philanthropic legacy to be a part of something bigger? **LEAVE AN IMPACT** on the Atlanta community for generations to come with a planned gift.
Why planned giving? Because your will tells a story.

Your will is a testament to everything you have accomplished in your lifetime – it ensures your values live on. Your giving reflects your values today – they make a lasting impact on the causes you care most about.

You can provide for the nonprofit organizations you support in perpetuity through planned giving. It helps sustain and support nonprofits, better allowing organizations to weather fluctuations in economic cycles and charitable giving. Your planned gift is invested with us, growing over time to make an even greater difference and bestowed at timing you control through your planned gift.

Planned giving is complicated. We’re here to help your planned giving make the most sense for you. Our experts can help you and your financial advisors identify the best way to help reduce estate and income taxes or produce retirement income.

Why entrust the Community Foundation with your legacy?

Because we are here for good to do good. Since 1951, we’ve carefully shepherded the philanthropic legacies of generations of Atlanta philanthropists – and as a trusted philanthropic institution, we will be here long into the future to ensure that our region, and all the residents here, thrive.

At the Community Foundation, we take donor intent seriously. You can trust that your wishes will be carried out. We have a variety of mechanisms for your planned gift, including:

- Community Foundation competitive grantmaking
- Donor-advised funds
- Designated funds
- Field-of-interest funds
- Scholarship funds

We don’t know what Atlanta’s future needs will be. You may also leave your planned gift to our general operating support and grantmaking pool. That adds flexibility to your gift, allowing us to use it in different ways as needs arise in the future.

Think about the organizations you support every day. You have an opportunity to continue that great work by leaving a planned gift to an organization you care about – you’ll make a lasting impression. And I can’t imagine a better organization to entrust with your funds than the Community Foundation.

– Virginia Hepner, Community Foundation donor

Virginia Hepner loves the arts. She’s so passionate about the arts that after spending years in the corporate sector, she served as the CEO of the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center. She has provided for the organizations she loves long into the future with a planned gift through the Community Foundation earmarked for the arts.
I evaluated the nonprofits I had supported as an adult, wanting to continue support of charitable endeavors, plus leave a legacy. My goal was admirable, yet quite complicated until working with the Community Foundation. The fine help from my philanthropic officer was like putting new batteries in a favorite flashlight; it suddenly became easy and manageable to transform my vision into a reality.

— Knox Porter, Community Foundation donor
Benefits of joining EnTrustATL

When you establish a planned gift, you become a part of EnTrustATL and our philanthropic family. You receive:

1. The opportunity to attend Foundation events and other exclusive philanthropic learning opportunities.
2. Access to Community Foundation resources, publications, experts and our knowledge-base of nonprofits in the 23-county Atlanta region.
3. Flexibility to make changes at no cost to your planned gift beneficiaries as your desires evolve.

If your documented planned gift is greater than $1 million, you have access to our highest level of personalized and family philanthropy services.

The story of Pearl Strickland and the gift that keeps on giving

Pearl Strickland achieved a dream that was not possible for a lot of African Americans, including her husband George, by graduating from Atlanta’s Clark College with a degree in home economics in 1909. While George and Pearl Strickland achieved their dreams in different ways, they had a common goal: helping the children of family and friends pursue college degrees.

When she passed away in 1984, Pearl’s estate established a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation. The original gift of $500,000 has grown to $1.35 million today, with more than $1,012,206 granted out to 286 students to date. George and Pearl’s legacy continues to invest in the futures of students pursuing an education at the historically black colleges and universities at the Atlanta University Center.

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About us

Since 1951, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta has been a trusted philanthropic resource for our 23-county metro Atlanta region. We lead and inspire philanthropy to increase the vitality of our region and the well-being of all residents.

Interested learning more about EnTrustATL?
For more information, please visit cfgreateratlanta.org or call 404.688.5525 and ask to speak with a member of our philanthropy team.