



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Legacy

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Newsletter

“Without the help from this **estate gift**, our meal program would’ve ended a long time ago.”

Five years ago, Ozanam House— an affordable housing program for chronically homeless, very low income, or disabled men aged 55 and above— lost federal funding for their food program after it was cut from the city’s budget. The news was devastating. On average, the program served over 100 meals daily, and many of the men relied on the healthy, hot meals every day as their primary or sole source of food and nutrition.

Thankfully, Catholic Housing Services was able to use funds from an estate gift left by one of our faithful Good Samaritan Society members to subsidize the much-needed food program.

Designated by the donor to help seniors in need, the bequest funds have enabled Ozanam House to continue serving hot, nutritious meals for the past 5 years.

While CHS works towards a permanent solution for this vulnerable population, we are grateful for the partnerships that allow us to continue providing essential services to our neighbors in need.



Want a hassle-free way to leave a legacy? Look inside!

How can your life insurance save lives?

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the many different types of Legacy Gifts. This is why we want to share with you one of the easiest types of planned gifts to make: an increasingly popular, hassle-free option commonly referred to as the *lawyer-free gift*: the **"Beneficiary Designation"**. Requiring only a phone, a form and a pen, the Beneficiary Designation gift puts your retirement plan into action now, using your existing plan to help support those in need.

How it works:

When you make a planned gift with a beneficiary designation, all it takes is a phone, a form and a pen!

1. Simply call your plan provider and ask for a change of beneficiary form.
2. Using the change of beneficiary form, the donor makes the charity of their choice a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance, brokerage account or any asset requiring a beneficiary.
3. Call CCS/CHS to inform us of your wonderful gift!

Your retirement plan is one of the heaviest taxed assets if left to anyone besides a spouse—but when left to a charity, 100% your hard-earned plan will go to a good cause! On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for considering a long-term investment with CCS/CHS.

For more information on Planned Gifts, please contact Rosemary Zilmer at 253-502-2671.

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Thank You

Leadership Society Members!

To all those who are already members of our Good Samaritan Society and Archbishop's Circle of Hope, we are so grateful to have your support. Your investment in the future of our agency will enable us to continue serving our neighbors in need for years to come.

Good Samaritan Society members include CCS/CHS in their will, trust, life insurance or retirement funds. Please consider joining other Good Samaritan Society members to create a long-reaching legacy of compassionate care for the poorest and most vulnerable among us.

Leaving a bequest to CCS/CHS can be as simple as adding a provision to your will or living trust. It's also flexible, giving you many options in the types of gift you can make.

Archbishop's Circle of Hope members give an annual gift of \$5,000 or more to help sustain the programs and services offered by CCS/CHS.

When you make a leadership gift, you partner with others in the Archbishop's Circle of Hope and extend the impact and reach of your support.

Suggested bequest language to provide to your financial advisor:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Catholic Community Services (tax ID # 91-1585652) and/or Archdiocesan Housing Authority dba Catholic Housing Services (tax ID # 91-1099134) of Western Washington, a tax-exempt organization doing business at 100 23rd Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98144-2302, the sum of \$ _____ (or) _____% of my estate (or the property described herein)."

If you wish, you may designate a specific service area or program of CCS/CHS.

Members of the **Archbishop's Circle of Hope** can choose a giving level that best fits their plans:

Visionary	\$25,000 and above
Advocate	\$15,000 - \$24,999
Steward	\$10,000 - \$14,999
Samaritan	\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Proceeds go to CCS/CHS



As **good stewards** of our resources, we are pleased to report that 92¢ of every dollar spent goes directly to those in need.



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4 Ways to Get Involved Serving Our Area's Most Needy

1. VOLUNTEER

Become one of the 12,000+ CCS volunteers tutoring, serving meals and helping seniors—over 111,000 people each year
ccsww.org/volunteer or 1-800-499-5979 ext. 5707

2. LEARN MORE, HEAR MORE

Connect on Facebook or join our email list to hear more of the stories of those we serve and how you can help
ccsww.org/volunteer or 1-800-499-5979 ext. 5707

3. ADVOCATE

Be a champion for the poor by talking with your friends and legislators about the need
ccsww.org/advocacy or 206-328-5701

4. BECOME A MEMBER

Support and grow our programs by becoming a Leadership Giving Society Member via the *Archbishop's Circle of Hope* or the *Good Samaritan Society*
ccsww.org/donate_leadershipgivingsocieties
or 1-800-499-5979 ext. 5707

