



## A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

We hope you consider including a gift to Hartley Nature Center in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

- **Simplicity**  
Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. The official legal bequest language for Hartley Nature Center is: "I (name), of (city, state, ZIP), give, devise and bequeath to Hartley Nature Center (written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose."
- **Flexibility**  
Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.
- **Versatility**  
You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- **Tax Relief**  
If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

### How It Works

To make a charitable bequest, you need a current will or revocable living trust.

Your gift can be made as a percentage of your estate. Or you can make a specific bequest by giving a certain amount of cash, securities or property. After your lifetime, Hartley Nature Center receives your gift.

### Putting Your Family First

When planning your future gift, it's something difficult to determine what size donation will make sense. Emergencies happen, and you need to make sure your family is financially taken care of first. Including a bequest of a percentage of your estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate no matter how your estate's value fluctuates over the years.



To discuss gifting opportunities, please contact:

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