

Ensure a vibrant future for Chicago Architecture Foundation

You took our tours and went to our lectures. You saw our exhibitions and read our books. You witnessed our growth for over forty years, and you made that growth possible with your support. Now, you can help ensure that CAF continues to be an important and successful cultural institution in Chicago. This is your legacy—and the legacy of our great city for future generations.

MAKE A TESTAMENTARY GIFT TO CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

A testamentary gift is created through your will or trust and can be based on a certain percentage of your entire estate. A testamentary gift ensures that your charitable gift is made without affecting your primary beneficiaries.

If the value of your estate is subject to federal estate tax, any gift made to CAF and counted as a charitable deduction could result in a savings of at least 45 cents for every dollar given under current law.

Talk with your estate planner about current and future federal and state exemptions. If you currently have only a basic will, you should consider a revocable living trust to avoid probate, additional fees in the administration of your assets and a reduction of asset distribution time to your beneficiaries.

We welcome your questions about all donations to Chicago Architecture Foundation. Please contact us at your convenience.

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DESIGNATE CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION AS A BENEFICIARY

What can you do when a specific bequest or gift of a certain percentage of your estate will not work?

What if you choose to leave your home to your child? If a gift to a charity is based on the percentage of your total assets and would require selling the home to satisfy the gift, you might want to consider other options. You could easily solve this dilemma by designating CAF as the beneficiary on your life insurance, annuity, IRA or employee retirement plan. Or you could split the beneficiary designation by percentages. Although there are “designated beneficiary” rules for retirement plans, your attorney can easily help you create a model that works for you.

ASSIGN CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION AS THE RECIPIENT OF ASSETS FROM YOUR CHARITABLE TRUST

Do you have income from assets in your charitable lead trust that you do not plan to use during your lifetime?

You can designate CAF as the income beneficiary and leave the remainder of the trust to your heirs, free of estate tax, upon the time of your death. A charitable lead trust can reduce your estate taxes, income taxes, provide creditor protection and reduce taxes to capital gains.





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