



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE  
FOUNDATION

# Turn Your Assets Into Impact

Our menu of giving options allows for flexible and creative ways to support this special place you call "home."

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can avoid extra income this year by making a gift from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). To make a gift from your IRA, contact your IRA administrator and your IRA funds will be directly transferred to SWIF, a community foundation, or another local fund of your choice.

## Retirement Plan Account

Your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) retirement plans offer a simple and cost-conscious way to include us in your estate planning strategy via the beneficiary designation form. The gift happens at your passing, ensuring you have full access to the assets during your lifetime. Further, we do not pay income tax, which means the full amount of the retirement account will reach us and fulfill your goals. To plan a gift from your retirement account, request a beneficiary designation form from the plan administrator and include Southwest Initiative Foundation as the beneficiary of your account. Contact us if you want to designate your gift for a community or other fund so that we can document and fulfill your wishes.

## Gift of Securities

Gift your old stock (with a low basis) that has appreciated in the rising market and avoid capital gains tax. Contact SWIF staff for instructions on how to make a gift of securities by electronic transfer or by certified mail.

## Life Insurance Gift

Eliminate an old or unneeded life insurance policy by making a gift of the cash balance to support SWIF, your community foundation or a local fund. To make a gift of life insurance, please contact your life insurance provider, request a beneficiary designation form from the insurer and include Southwest Initiative Foundation as the beneficiary of your policy.

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## Charitable Bequest

Make a gift that costs you nothing today. Provide for your loved ones first and then support your community with a bequest made in your will or trust. With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to SWIF or any SWIF fund. Contact us for sample language you can share with your attorney.

- We are partnering with FreeWill, an online tool that allows you to write a legally valid will at no personal cost. Learn more and get started today at [swifoundation.org/writemyfreewill](http://swifoundation.org/writemyfreewill)

## Donor-advised Fund

A donor-advised fund (DAF) allows you to establish a flexible vehicle for annual charitable giving. To establish a DAF at SWIF, you make an initial, irrevocable gift of cash or stock to fund the DAF. The assets in your DAF grow tax-free, and you make annual recommendations on grants to be made from your DAF. When you pass away, your children, loved ones or community foundation can carry on your legacy of giving.

If you'd like to support us using your DAF not managed by SWIF, contact the organization that manages your fund and recommend a grant in your preferred amount using this information:

- Tax ID #41-1555592
- Mailing Address: Southwest Initiative Foundation, 15 3rd Ave. NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350
- Please note: If you'd like to grant to your local community foundation or another local fund under SWIF's umbrella, you must direct the gift to Southwest Initiative Foundation with a notation of the community foundation name or fund you'd like the gift to be designated to. Because Southwest Initiative Foundation holds the 501(c)(3) public charity tax status, fund partners by name are not found in the systems used by DAF sponsoring organizations.

*There are other creative giving options including giving farmland or property, gifts that provide you with income while you are alive, such as Charitable Gift Annuity and Charitable Remainder Trust, Charitable Lead Trusts, Reserved Life Estates and more. Contact us to learn more. There is never any obligation.*

*These gifts often require time to prepare and process, especially at the end of the calendar year. We encourage you to connect with a member of the SWIF Development Team early in your planning. Contact the SWIF Philanthropy Team at (800) 594-9480 or [donate@swifoundation.org](mailto:donate@swifoundation.org)*