

# Moorehead Society

Cahokia Mounds Museum Society

## Giving through your Will

We hope that you'll consider including a gift to the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society in your will or living trust. This charitable bequest, offers simplicity, flexibility, versatility, and tax relief. When you plan a gift in your overall estate and financial plans, you become an integral part of Cahokia Mounds' future, and provide long-term support for the mission of Cahokia Mounds Museum Society. In making a planned gift, you will be recognized as a member of the Moorehead Society.

1. **Meet with your financial advisor.** Discuss your intentions and what you would like to accomplish through your gift. Your advisor should give you direction on how best to fulfill your intentions.
2. **Choose what type of bequest to give:** There are several types of bequest gifts. Listed below are some of the most common.
  - A **specific bequest** gives us a particular piece of property. If you disposed of the property before your death, we won't receive your intended gift because we cannot claim any other property.
  - A **general bequest** gives us a stated sum of money.
  - A **residuary bequest** gives the "rest, residue and remainder" of your estate after all other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid.
  - A **contingent bequest** requires a certain event to occur before the gift can happen. For example,
    - you could bequeath funds to a family member provided that person survives you; if not, the
    - funds would then go to Cahokia Mounds Museum Society.
3. **Decide how you would like Cahokia Mounds Museum Society to use your gift.**
  - An **unrestricted bequest** allows us to use the assets in the most beneficial way.
  - A **restricted bequest** allows you to specify how we are to use the funds. Please contact us to be certain your intent can be accommodated.
  - Whether you need to create a will or trust, or update an old document, you'll want to seek the help of an estate planning attorney.
  - The official legal bequest language for the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society is: I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society, 30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL 62234 [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of the property] for its Unrestricted use and purpose."
4. **Let us know of your plans.**

In order to recognize you as a member of the Moorehead Society you must inform us of your intentions. This not only allows the CMMS to recognize your intentions, but can serve to motivate others to follow your lead. Knowledge of your planned gift also allows the Society to better plan for the future with knowledge of stronger financial base of support.

Please contact Lori Belknap at (618) 344-7316 or [museumsociety@cahokiamounds.org](mailto:museumsociety@cahokiamounds.org) to let us know when you have made plans for such a gift. We would love the opportunity to thank you for your generous act. We are happy to honor your wishes regarding anonymity.