

## LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

The Legacy Society celebrates those who have decided to make a planned gift - through a bequest in a will or other means - to The Night Ministry. If you wish to make a simple bequest to The Night Ministry in your will, you may do so on a confidential basis, without informing us. If you choose to tell us of your planned gift, we will acknowledge you as a member of The Legacy Society. We would very much like to have the opportunity to recognize your generosity this way. By honoring our supporters, others will be encouraged to make planned gifts to The Night Ministry.

As acknowledgement of your gift, your name will be included in the listing of The Legacy Society members in our newsletters and Annual Report. For information about joining The Legacy Society, please contact:

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Since its founding in 1976, The Night Ministry has been making a difference in the lives of the people we serve by focusing on the growing shelter needs of homeless youth, as well as addressing the lack of access to primary health care services faced by Chicago's underserved and at-risk populations. Our work helps thousands of children and adults per year to access the services they need and to become more self-reliant.

The Night Ministry has grown significantly over the years. We have an even greater commitment to those whom we serve with the opening of our youth residence in West Town, which includes a new transitional living component; the operation of our customized Health Outreach Bus, with expanded space for an exam room and HIV/STD testing; and the opening of our new youth residence in Lakeview, serving pregnant and parenting teens. The Night Ministry is confident that the work we do will continue to inspire positive change in those we serve; helping our communities retain the promise, hope, and potential that is found in every individual when given the support, encouragement, and sustained interest they need to empower their own visions of their futures.

The Night Ministry and the people we serve depend on your support, now and in the future. We invite you to help us by including The Night Ministry in the financial and planned giving decisions you make today. Your planned gift can help us to care for Chicago's disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations.



## WAYS TO GIVE

### *Planned Giving*



## GIFT PLANS FOR THE FUTURE MAKING A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

Your decisions on how to distribute your estate make a lasting testament to your life and your values. The recipients you designate for portions of your estate indicate what you believe in and what your life stands for.

## WILLS & BEQUESTS

The easiest way to make a deferred gift to The Night Ministry is through a bequest. Bequests enable you to retain complete control over your assets during your life, while your heirs realize estate tax savings for amounts transferred at death. You may change the terms of your bequest as necessary, and keep all transactions private until your death. You can give almost any kind of asset through a bequest, including cash, securities, and the remainder of your pension or profit-sharing plan. By revising or adding a simple amendment to your will, you can provide for a gift of a specific dollar amount, property or asset; a percentage of your estate; or the residual amount left after remembering your loved ones.

## VIRGINIA & DUNCAN HENDERSON: A TRIBUTE TO THEIR SON

Virginia and Duncan Henderson became dedicated supporters of The Night Ministry's work in 1981. It was at that time that their son, Paul, joined The Night Ministry's Board of Directors. Paul was very passionate about helping youth in crisis situations, and in 1987 he joined The Night Ministry staff full time. Sadly, Paul died at a young age in 1991. Upon Virginia Henderson's death in 2007, The Night Ministry received a generous bequest, which served as a fitting tribute to the Hendersons' only child.



The Hendersons were kind and loving individuals, not only to each other, but also to their neighbors and to their community. Their generous gift allows The Night Ministry to assist even more at-risk and underserved youth and adults in need in the Chicago community. We are deeply grateful for the kindness and generosity of the Henderson Family.

## BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

### *Life Insurance*

There are several ways a life insurance policy can be used to make a charitable gift, such as:

- Naming The Night Ministry as a beneficiary on an existing policy;
- Transferring ownership of the policy to The Night Ministry;
- Purchasing a new policy that benefits The Night Ministry.

### *Retirement Accounts*

It's easy to make a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403 (b), or other retirement accounts. Obtain a change of beneficiary form and indicate the amount or percentage of your assets you wish to give to The Night Ministry.

## CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Have your attorney prepare:

- A **charitable remainder trust** from which you will receive income for life with the principal passing to The Night Ministry.
- A **charitable lead trust** from which The Night Ministry will receive regular income until the principal is transferred to your heirs.

Both of these trusts offer income and estate tax advantages.

*\*Please consult your financial advisor when considering a planned gift.*