



Building a Lasting Legacy with Health & Medicine

By including Health & Medicine in your estate plan, you can make a lasting impact on health equity, ensuring that our work continues in the future. Planned gifts, which often come in the form of bequests, allow you to support our mission without impacting your current cash flow, while helping us secure future resources. This is a powerful way to support the long-term sustainability of Health & Medicine.

Even modest planned gifts tend to be larger than other forms of donations. These larger gifts provide essential long-term funding that supports Health & Medicine's ongoing programs, advocacy, and policy work, enabling us to address urgent public health challenges with greater flexibility and resources.

Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference in our ability to make transformational change.

Planned giving is an essential tool for ensuring the future of Health & Medicine and the work we do to advance health equity. These gifts offer a way to leave a legacy that aligns with your values while providing critical, long-term support. By investing in our planned giving program, you play a critical role in helping us secure the resources needed to continue fighting for health justice in for generations to come.

Consider leaving a legacy of health equity by including Health & Medicine in your estate plans today.

Our Mission is to build power and momentum for social justice and health equity in Illinois. Our Vision is a society free of social and health inequities so that all people can attain their full potential. Your support allows us to improve health equity in Illinois day in and day out for decades to come.

The Benefits of Planned Giving for Donors

Tax Benefits

Planned gifts offer significant tax advantages for donors. For example, bequests can reduce an estate's taxable value, minimizing federal estate taxes for heirs. By considering us in your estate planning donors like you can make a meaningful contribution in addition to securing financial benefits for yourselves or your families.

Control Over Your Gift

One of the unique aspects of planned giving is that it allows you more control over how your gift is used. You can specify where you want your bequest to go, ensuring that your contribution supports a cause that is personally meaningful to you. You also have the option to provide unrestricted funding, allowing your gift to be used where it is most needed and enabling greater flexibility to address emerging priorities and challenges.

Did you know? Donors over 70 ½ years old can use Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to make tax-free gifts from their IRAs, while still meeting their Required Minimum Distribution. This can be a powerful tool for donors looking to maximize their philanthropic impact without affecting their immediate cash flow.

Help us build power and momentum for social justice and health equity in Illinois.

By including a charitable component in your estate or financial plans, you are ensuring our ability to continue our work advocating for better health and health care for generations to come.

Will you allow us to create a Notice of Legacy Gift for your gift?

If you choose to name Health & Medicine Policy Research Group as a beneficiary of your estate, please let us know your plans. This will enable us to ensure your intentions are carried out as you wish, and equally important, use your example as an inspiration to others to include Health & Medicine in their plans.

In addition, if you would like to further specify the use of your funds (including the creation of a named endowment), we would like to work with you on a Notice of Legacy Gift, which will be kept on file at Health & Medicine along with the applicable pages of your estate plan describing your gift. This procedure will permanently document your values and your intentions for the future.

For more information or to discuss your planned giving options, please contact Shannon Sweetnam, Director of Development and Communications, at ssweetnam@hmprg.org.