

This is your place

Consider what you love about the Gunnison Valley. Is it our open spaces and public lands? Our vibrant, creative communities? Education, mentorship, and recreation for youth or the way we care for pets needing homes? What about how organizations step in to fill gaps in serving community members' basic needs like food, homes, and connection?

Whatever it is you love about this place, your generous support of local nonprofits, including the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, uplifts our entire community. **Thank you.**

By making a bequest to CFGV or another local nonprofit directly or through a fund held at CFGV, **you get to plan now to make a difference later**. You can keep your love of the Gunnison Valley alive always.





"Most people generally get connected with some nonprofits, but there are many more nonprofits that may be overlooked doing great work all across the Valley. If you want to reach the entire Valley then donating to the Community Foundation is an easy, efficient way to support all the nonprofits. We have also found CFGV very helpful in managing our philanthropy through a Donor Advised Fund, providing input on how we can impact certain areas in the Valley, and setting up our estate plan. There are many ways to donate but we have found the simplest is to work with CFGV to address the needs in the Valley." - Bill and Lenni Burke

Types of Gifts

There are many ways to make a legacy gift in the Gunnison Valley, all of which allow you to take care of your family first and then plan for a forever impact on the community you love. Some options:

- Designate a gift through your will or estate plan. We can provide sample language for you to share with your attorney.
- Designate a nonprofit like CFGV as a beneficiary for part or all of your retirement account(s).
 Depending on your situation, this may be the most tax-smart strategy.
- Designate CFGV or another nonprofit as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- Set up a Revocable Living Trust or Charitable Remainder Trust to benefit CFGV or another Gunnison Valley nonprofit.

Making a bequest to CFGV, no matter what type, supports a thriving Gunnison Valley and all the causes you care about, forever.



CFGV Legacy Heroes

Community members who have elected to make a legacy gift to Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley are legacy heroes. Their generosity and love for this community will shape our shared community for decades to come. To see a current list of legacy heroes, visit cfgv.org/legacy. If you have included CFGV in your estate plans, please let us know so we can acknowledge your membership as a legacy hero, if you wish, and thank you personally.

Fred and Sue Berry, CFGV Legacy Heroes

Fred and Sue first started visiting the Gunnison Valley in 1965 for the skiing. After building a home in Mt. Crested Butte in 1983, Sue started spending more time here. Fred came when he could get away from work. It wasn't often in the early years, but as his business prospered, he was able to spend more time in the Gunnison Valley.

As their time here grew, so did their involvement with local nonprofits. In particular, the Berrys are committed to helping families thrive. Fred brought his



deep philanthropic experience having served on many boards in Kansas. When community members founded the Crested Butte Community Foundation, Fred lent his expertise to the effort. His involvement has carried forward through the merger and establishment of CFGV.

While Fred and Sue's children have loved their time in Crested Butte, their philanthropic interests are elsewhere. Fred and Sue decided to leave a legacy to their beloved Gunnison Valley community through CFGV by including CFGV in their estate plans.



Let's Make a Plan Together

Your goals and assets are unique to you, and the way you structure your legacy in the Gunnison Valley should be, too. We can work with you to make a plan. Give us a call at 970-641-8837 to start a conversation or visit cfgv.org/legacy today.