

Tomorrow's Bounty

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE FULL PLATE SOCIETY • HOUSTON FOOD BANK

A Message from Brian Greene

Dear Friend,

Thank you for being such a loyal supporter of the Houston Food Bank and for your dedication to providing food for better lives. Through our partner programs, we are striving to shorten the line for food assistance by addressing the root causes of food insecurity. Together, we're working toward a future where more of our neighbors have achieved the stability they need to thrive, and we hope you know how essential your partnership is to us realizing this goal.

In a time of such unprecedented need, it is vital that we continue to provide help for today, as well as plan for tomorrow, so we can always be there for our community.

One of the ways you can play a key role in the future wellbeing of our community is by including the Food Bank in your will or estate plan. Legacy gifts give us the ability to plan ahead and lay the groundwork to ensure fewer people need food assistance in the future. I hope you will consider partnering with us to provide nourishment to your neighbors for years to come. We would be honored to welcome you into our legacy giving group, the Full Plate Society.

The Houston Food Bank is stronger, and our community is better served, because of you. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Sincerely,



Brian Greene
President/CEO





An Impactful Gift to Her Community

Yvonne Myles first heard about the Houston Food Bank when she attended a United Way presentation at her workplace. She was very moved by the talk and motivated to help in whatever way she could. When her employer sponsored a work function to benefit the Food Bank, she decided to volunteer. It was then that she saw how easy it was to help others by donating her time, as well as her dollars.

Ignited by her passion around the issue of food assistance, Yvonne decided to make a legacy gift to the Houston Food Bank. *"In my opinion having enough food to eat is a basic human right,"* says Yvonne. *"Making the Food Bank one of my beneficiaries felt like the right thing to do after I have met my obligations to my family. Everyone having enough food to eat that is not just calorie-dense, but nutrition-dense, would go a long way toward closing the many gaps in our social structure."*

As a legacy donor and member of the Full Plate Society, Yvonne was given the opportunity to tour the Food Bank and see the operation firsthand. She enjoyed the visit immensely! It was important for her to know that any contribution she makes in the future will be put to good use.

"I was so impressed that I organized a group of friends to volunteer with me," says Yvonne. *"We were treated like VIPs and given another tour! That friendliness and openness makes me feel like I have made the right choice to support the Houston Food Bank. It is clearly an efficient engine for social good in our community."*

"No one should go hungry. Proper nutrition is foundational to learning, to health, to a productive society, to happiness."

Yvonne Myles
Full Plate
Society Member

Leaving a Gift in Your Will or Living Trust

When you include the Houston Food Bank in your will or other estate plan, you become a member of the Full Plate Society, joining other members who also have planned legacies of nourishment, compassion and philanthropy.

This type of donation helps ensure our mission continues for many years, and can be made through:

☒ Cash

One of the easiest and most common ways for you to support is with a gift of cash.

☒ Appreciated Securities

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year are popular assets to use when making a gift to the Food Bank.

☒ Real Estate

A gift of real estate, such as a personal residence, vacation home or undeveloped land can serve as a generous contribution.

☒ Tangible Personal Property

Your treasures like valuable antiques, works of art, cars, boats and other personal property can make an impactful legacy.

☒ Closely Held Stock

If you hold stock in a closely held business, you may be able to use that stock as a powerful way to support your community in the future.

As with all charitable contributions, please consult your financial advisor for advice concerning your specific situation.



Bequest Language

Here's an example of sample bequest language you can share with your attorney to leave a gift to the Food Bank for a percentage of your estate, or specific dollar amount:

"I give to Houston Food Bank, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029, or its successor thereto, _____ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose."

Please contact Julie Busch at jbusch@houstonfoodbank.org or 832-369-9231 for more information about naming the Houston Food Bank in your will or trust.

Other Options for Legacy Giving

Not everyone wants to commit to making a gift in their will or estate. Fortunately, there are other easy ways to provide long-term hunger relief to the Houston community. Find the giving option that works best for your goals:

☒ **Beneficiary Designations**

This flexible method of giving includes beneficiary designations in IRAs and retirement plans, life insurance policies, donor advised funds or commercial annuities.

☒ **Smart Giving from Your IRA**

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to the Food Bank without having to pay income taxes on the money.

☒ **Charitable Gift Annuity**

With a charitable gift annuity, you agree to make a gift and the charity, in return, agrees to pay you (or someone else you choose), a fixed amount each year for the rest of your life.

☒ **Charitable Remainder Trust**

If you have built a sizable estate, this type of trust provides you or other named individuals with income every year for life with substantial tax benefits.



Your Impact ...

Every \$1 you give helps provide 3 nutritious meals.

Nourish and provide hope for more than 1 million people facing food insecurity in southeast Texas.

Help the Food Bank assist thousands of people each week through our work with more than 1,800 community partners.

Next Steps ...

Visit houstonfoodbank.planmygift.org to explore your options or contact Julie Busch at jbusch@houstonfoodbank.org or 832-369-9231 to discuss further.

Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor.

If you include the Food Bank in your legacy plans, make sure to use our legal name and federal tax ID below (and please let us know your plans so we can welcome you into the Full Plate Society!):

Legal name: Houston Food Bank

Address: 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029

Federal tax ID number: 74-2181456



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