

Bequests

A bequest — naming the NEF as a beneficiary in your will or trust documents.

A bequest allows you to retain full ownership and use of your assets during your lifetime but ensures that, upon death, your designated assets will be distributed to the NEF in accordance with your wishes.

Upon your death, your Will or Trust documents distributes your bequest to the NEF, which adds to the fund(s) you designate.

Bequests can take the form of cash, stock, bonds, real estate, personal property or other assets.

A bequest is generally defined in one of three ways:

- a specific percentage of your estate
- a specific dollar amount
- a specific item (real estate, for example)

The bequest can be either **unrestricted** (providing the NEF with the greatest flexibility to apply the funds where needed) and/or **restricted** (designated for a specific purpose or fund).



Donors

Northville Educational Foundation donors includes people who have a strong connection to Northville Public Schools including:

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Educators and staff (current/retired)
- Alumni
- Community members
- Corporations

You can support NEF by:

- Contributing through **annual or one-time gifts** to the unrestricted fund or endowment fund
- Giving a **tribute gift** in honor or in memory of educators or other individuals
- Establishing a **named fund** within the Foundation
- Becoming a member of NEF's **Corral Club**

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Northville Educational Foundation

Enhancing Educational Excellence

Giving Opportunities

Giving to the Northville Educational Foundation is an effective way to support a wide variety of academic and enrichment programs that will benefit Northville Public Schools.

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) manages contributions, tribute gifts, bequests and donations for specific projects or endowments.

The Foundation's management of donations makes it easy for individuals and businesses to give to Northville Public Schools.

You may choose whether your gift supports an existing fund or establishes a new fund to support your particular area of educational interest.

Need for NEF Funds

Our community recognizes that Northville Public Schools has a long tradition of providing an excellent, fiscally responsible program that includes exemplary educational opportunities for students.

However, budget limitations leave worthy projects unfunded each year. Improvements in our schools increasingly depend on community involvement and funding.

Projects

Interest from endowment funds and contributions to support particular areas of interest may be designated to support students and staff through the following projects:

- Financial need based scholarships for students to participate in summer school courses, athletics and field trips
- Innovative grants to support teachers that enhance classroom teaching and professional development
- Other projects that emphasize content enrichment and academic standards



NEF awarded savings bonds to student contest winners at the *Unity in the Community* event.

Our Focus

In 2000, a group of parents and community leaders founded the NEF, as an independent charitable organization to support academic and enrichment programs that cannot otherwise be supported by the district's operating funds.

The NEF is recognized as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to "attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to excellence."

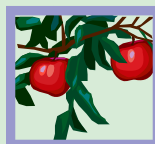
A volunteer board of directors guides the Northville Educational Foundation's mission. The board's role is to:

- manage foundation contributions
- lead fundraising activities
- award grants to benefit programs in the school district

The focus of the NEF is building unrestricted operating funds, so that it can request and accept contributions from the following:

- Individuals
- Corporations
- Private foundations
- Other non-public funding sources
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Gifts may go even further if a donor works for a company that matches contributions.



Planned Gifts

A planned gift to the Northville Educational Foundation can become your personal legacy.

If you value education in Northville Public Schools, you may wish to include the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) in your financial plans to make a gift that will benefit Northville Public Schools students for generations to come.

Individuals and families may want to consider including the NEF in their estate planning. You may choose whether your planned gift supports an existing NEF fund or establishes a new fund to support your particular area of educational interest.

Contributions

Gifts made to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The NEF acknowledges all contributions for tax purposes and publishes a list of donors in its Annual Report (donor wishes for anonymity are strictly honored).

Contributions can be made payable to:

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