The Legacy of Dorothy McIntyre

In 1975, Dorothy McIntyre gathered a small group of neighbors together around a powerful vision: that no one in DuPage County would have to go hungry, because neighbors helping neighbors would create hope and opportunity for all. That first year they provided food to 125 hungry families, operating out of a small house on Indiana Avenue in Wheaton, Illinois.

Today, People’s Resource Center serves 32,000 people across DuPage County. In addition to offering food for the hungry, PRC provides a wide range of social services and educational programs that empower people to create a path to self-sufficiency.

Dorothy and her friends sought to do more than simply start a food pantry. Their vision was to nurture a community rooted in generosity and service. To build relationships across the social and cultural borders that so often divide us. To bring neighbors together to meet the community’s needs.

Dorothy found great joy in her lifelong work to foster compassionate community through peace and justice.

What Brings You Joy?

Have you found joy in giving generously to help those in need? In recognizing that you have been able to make a neighbor’s life just a little bit easier? In seeing the smile of a child and knowing he won’t go hungry tonight?

If being a part of the work and mission of People’s Resource Center has brought you joy, consider creating a legacy gift plan to help sustain this community for future generations.

Leaving a Legacy of Caring and Compassion

Thoughtful estate planning can allow you to make a lasting difference for neighbors in need while providing for family and minimizing tax liabilities. The right gift plan can help you leave a legacy of caring and compassion for the communities and organizations that have meant the most to you. Thoughtful giving can bring you great joy.

The Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society honors those who have chosen to name People’s Resource Center as a beneficiary of a future gift through a will, a beneficiary designation for an insurance policy or retirement account, a charitable trust, or other gift or charitable component of an estate plan. Additionally, the Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society honors donors who make a gift during their lifetimes for the People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund sufficient to perpetuate their annual support for People’s Resource Center (see page 4).
**Becoming a Member of the Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society**

Simply notify People’s Resource Center of your qualifying intended gift, and you will be welcomed as a member of the Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society. Members receive special invitations to events and updates on PRC’s work. You may remain anonymous if you prefer.

Please use the enclosed form to notify People’s Resource Center of your intended gift. For additional copies of the Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society Membership Form, please contact the People’s Resource Center Development Office or visit [www.peoplesrc.org](http://www.peoplesrc.org) to locate a printable form under “Donate,” then “Monetary Donations.”

**The People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund**

In 2012, People’s Resource Center achieved a significant milestone. The organization received a major gift to bring its Endowment Fund to a balance of $1 million. At this level, distributions from the Endowment Fund’s earnings will generate an anticipated $50,000 annually to support the organization’s activities.

To put this figure in perspective, $50,000 is the approximate cost to provide groceries for 1,000 needy families and to support 125 of those families in developing important skills for self-sufficiency through our empowerment programs—such as English classes, computer training or job search coaching.

People’s Resource Center seeks to continue growing its Endowment Fund to provide lasting support for the organization’s vital mission and to ensure that PRC can continue to meet community needs for future generations.

The People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund is a board-restricted agency fund managed by The DuPage Community Foundation. The People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund was established in 2004.

People’s Resource Center operates under an investment policy set by its Board of Directors. The policy directs the organization to make ongoing investments into the Endowment Fund from cash assets greater than the organization’s operational strategy goal (reserves equivalent to six month’s operational expenses, budgeted depreciation expense, and additional budgeted capital expenditures). The principal of the fund may be accessed only at the discretion of the People’s Resource Center Board of Directors. Earnings from the fund are received annually to support PRC’s operational expenses.

**Our Partner in Planned Giving: The DuPage Community Foundation**

Since its inception, The DuPage Community Foundation has built its endowment to more than $41 million and awarded more than $14 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond. PRC has been one of DCF’s top grant recipients. DCF is a trusted community institution managing the endowments and charitable funds of over 50 DuPage County nonprofit organizations, as well as numerous funds established by individuals and corporations. People’s Resource Center partners with The DuPage Community Foundation to facilitate planned gifts and provide support and advice to planned giving donors. Contact The DuPage Community Foundation at [www.dcfdn.org](http://www.dcfdn.org) or 630.665.5556.
Types of Planned Gifts to Consider

As you work with your financial advisor and attorney to develop your gift and/or estate plans, you may wish to consider one or more of the following vehicles for charitable gift planning:

**A Bequest Through Your Will or Distribution Through Your Trust**
Your will or trust can reflect the values that have guided your life. With your will or trust you can provide support to the people, communities and organizations most important to you. You may remember People’s Resource Center in your will or trust by providing for a specific dollar amount from your estate or trust, or for a percentage of its residual value.

**Life Insurance or Retirement Plan**
You may name People’s Resource Center as one of the beneficiaries of a life insurance policy or retirement plan in the event that the policy or plan is no longer needed to support a family member. Contact your policy/plan administrator to request a change of beneficiary form. Additionally, by transferring ownership of a life insurance policy to People’s Resource Center you could receive an income tax deduction for the year the gift is made. Payment of any outstanding premiums on the policy needs to be addressed before such a gift will be accepted.

If you are receiving required distributions from your retirement plan you can use this income to make charitable gifts. Contact your tax advisor to learn about tax incentives for charitable gifts made from required retirement plan contributions for the year you are considering the gift.

**Charitable Trusts**
Charitable remainder trusts are used by donors to utilize assets to provide income to the donor, the donor’s family members or other named beneficiaries, and ultimately, to charities as well. Charitable lead trusts first fund charitable purposes and then distribute assets to named beneficiaries. Establishing such a trust can provide immediate tax benefits to the donor and also reduce future estate tax liabilities. Contact your financial advisor, your attorney and The DuPage Community Foundation for further information on charitable trusts.

**Charitable Gift Annuities**
CGAs allow donors to contribute a sum of money as a charitable gift, but to continue to receive income at an established rate during one’s lifetime. Often, donors consider a charitable gift annuity in lieu of investing a sum of money in a certificate of deposit, and may realize tax benefits by doing so. The donor then receives an annual payment that is guaranteed for his or her lifetime. After one’s death, the remainder of the gift supports charitable purposes. Contact The DuPage Community Foundation to learn more about how you could use a charitable gift annuity to further your charitable goals.

**Donor-Advised Funds**
While establishment of a donor-advised fund is not itself a qualifying gift for membership in the Dorothy McIntyre Legacy Society, such a fund can be an important component of an effective charitable giving strategy. After establishing a fund, you remain involved and can recommend grants from the fund to support People’s Resource Center. Establishing a donor-advised fund can provide significant tax benefits while allowing you to achieve your charitable goals without the burdens of managing the invested funds or running a private foundation. Contact The DuPage Community Foundation for more information about donor-advised funds.

The information contained in this pamphlet is for illustrative and educational purposes only and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult with your financial and/or legal advisor(s).
Sustaining Your Annual Support for
People's Resource Center with an Endowment Fund Gift

You can make a one-time gift to the People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund that will forever perpetuate your annual support, year after year, for People’s Resource Center. You can make your endowment fund gift through a current gift today, or by providing for the gift in your estate plan.

At the targeted distribution rate from Endowment Fund earnings, a legacy gift to the PRC Endowment Fund in the amount of twenty times your annual gift will sustain your annual support for perpetuity. Even in the challenging economy of recent years, a 5% distribution rate from fund earnings has been achieved for the People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund.

Here is how a sustaining gift to the People’s Resource Center Endowment Fund could work for you:

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Sample Bequest Language

This sample language may help you add a provision in your will, trust or beneficiary designation to make a bequest to People’s Resource Center. Please consult with your financial advisor and attorney.

[A specific dollar amount] or [a percent of the estate’s residual value] to “People’s Resource Center, an Illinois nonprofit corporation, located at 201 South Naperville Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.”

If you wish to direct your bequest specifically to the PRC Endowment Fund, add “for the benefit of the People’s Resource Center board-restricted Endowment Fund.”

People’s Resource Center is an IRS 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. People’s Resource Center’s Federal EIN is 36-3157600. For more information, visit www.peoplesrc.org under “Donate” or call 630-682-5402.

Contact People’s Resource Center

For more information, please contact Kim Perez, Executive Director (kperez@peoplesrc.org or ext. 237) or Jennifer Williamson, Director of Development (jwilliamson@peoplesrc.org or ext. 242). We would be delighted to meet with you as you consider your legacy for People’s Resource Center.

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