



Sowing the Seeds
for a Future
Free From
Hunger

Planned Giving

What Do You Value Most?

At its heart, planned giving is very simple. It's not about tax law or asset transfers. It's about what you value. If you value Feeding America West Michigan, consider making a planned gift. Planned giving is one of the best ways to ensure that your support for hunger relief continues into the future. Just like a fruit tree planted in West Michigan's rolling orchards, your planned gift will provide nourishment to hungry families in our community for years to come.



A Lasting Impact

After more than three decades, Feeding America West Michigan has provided more than 300 million meals to children, adults, and seniors in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. As a donor, a volunteer, or an advocate, you have been part of that story. By making a planned gift, you can write the next chapter. And just as important — the process of drafting your will can provide clarity as you and your family think about the future.

During the Great Depression, the destitute would go from house to house looking for scraps of food, maybe an apple or a heel of bread passed through the door. When beggars came to their farmhouse in Springport, Sally Munk remembered, her mother would invite them to join the family for dinner. Sally's niece Joanne wonders if the memory of her mother's kindness was the reason Sally decided to leave a portion of her IRA to Feeding America West Michigan. "It's just a natural extension of her personality," she said.

Sally and her husband Marlin met in Grand Rapids in 1947 and never left. They loved the city, especially its food. Sally was a frequent guest at Marco's and Marie Catrib's, and her dinner parties once landed her in the Grand Rapids Press. Sally stayed active after Marlin's death. When she wasn't watching MSU football or video chatting with relatives on her computer, she was finding ways to serve people. Sally passed away in October 2013 at the age of 92.

The Munk family's compassion is still putting meals on the tables of people in need. We're grateful for this incredible gift and the exuberant woman who gave it.



Sally Munk

Whatever your financial situation, there's a planned gift for you. Here are just a handful of ways to give.

Bequest: The most common form of planned gift. A bequest from a will or trust can take the form of designated dollar amounts, percentages, property, or even the remainder of your estate.

Retirement Accounts: Simple and painless. When you name a charity as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401K, you can make sure your money goes to the cause of your choice after your lifetime.

Charitable Gift Annuity: Give and receive. Make a gift to the Food Bank today and receive regular payments for the rest of your life.

Donor-Advised Fund: Instant gratification, long-term impact. Making a gift to a donor-advised fund is like setting up your own charitable foundation. You receive a tax deduction, your gift is grown through investments, and you can issue grants to charities at your own pace.

Take the Next Step

If you believe a planned gift to Feeding America West Michigan is right for you, contact Linda Vanderbaan at 616-389-6356 or LindaV@FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org. Information is also available at FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org/legacy.

 **Full Plates Forever Society**
Planned givers are invited to join the Full Plates Forever Society, a group of the Food Bank's most committed supporters, to receive recognition and special benefits.

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