



# WHD Legacy Society

*"Human ingenuity, informed and made powerful by modern science, can produce wonders."*

- William H. Danforth, MD, founding chairman,  
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

## WHD LEGACY SOCIETY

Named in honor of our founding chair Dr. William H. Danforth, the WHD Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have made a commitment to the Danforth Center through a bequest, annuity, or other planned gift. In addition to securing a sustainable future, members receive tax advantages, opportunities for recognition, and invitations to private events with Center leadership.

Join us! Call 314.587.1234.

*If you have already included the Danforth Center in your planning, please let us show our gratitude and welcome you to the Legacy Society. Recognition of your giving often inspires generosity in others. (We will also honor any requests to remain anonymous.)*

## OUR MISSION

*Improve the human condition through plant science*

## OUR VISION

*As a world center for plant science research, our discoveries will help feed the hungry and improve human health, preserve and renew our environment, and enhance the St. Louis region.*

## LET US ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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*Creating a legacy—and a better world—through your planned gift to the Danforth Center*



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When you support the Danforth Center with a planned gift, you are helping find sustainable solutions to some of the 21st century's most pressing challenges. There are several ways to create a legacy and support the work of the Danforth Center in a tax-efficient manner.



## Gifts that Cost You Nothing Now

### BEQUESTS

One of the simplest and most versatile ways to leave a Legacy gift while reducing your estate taxes. In fact, your bequest is a possible way to endow the giving that you have provided during your lifetime. Your bequest to the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center may:

- List a specific amount to be gifted
- Designate a percentage of your estate, for example, 10%, 20%, or 50%
- Leave the residue of your estate after providing for your family and friends

### RETIREMENT PLANS, DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Naming the Danforth Center as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or Donor Advised Fund is a very tax-efficient way to give—and provides a charitable deduction to your estate.

## Gifts that Give Back

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

In exchange for a gift of cash or securities to the Danforth Center, you receive fixed payments to cover yourself and your loved one. Payments are partially income tax-free and are not affected by ups and downs in the economy.

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

You may be concerned about the high cost of capital gains tax upon the sale of your appreciated property. This gift provides fixed income for life, no capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated assets, a charitable income tax deduction for the remainder portion of your gift to Danforth Center.



## Other Charitable Tax Saving Strategies

- **CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS:** A potential way to pass on some of your assets to your family while reducing or eliminating gift or estate taxes.
- **LIFE ESTATE GIFT:** You gift your home or farm to the Danforth Center, but retain the right to live and use the property for your lifetime while receiving a charitable deduction now.
- **DEFERRED GIFT ANNUITIES:** Increase your payments from the Danforth Center by delaying receipt until a future date, such as retirement.

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