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WHD Legacy Society

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THE POWER OF PLANNED GIVING

To the dismay of nobody, tax season is over. For better or worse, it's all behind us now, and we don't need to think about 1040s or 1099s for another 12 months. But if you're thinking ahead, just know that planned giving offers a thoughtful way to support the causes you value while also making the most of available tax advantages.

For many donors, especially those thinking about long-term financial and estate planning, these gifts can align charitable goals with smart financial decisions.

Options like bequests, beneficiary designations, and gifts of appreciated assets could lower taxable income or taxes on your estate. In some cases, vehicles such as charitable gift annuities can even provide income back to you or your loved ones during your lifetime.

Planned gifts are flexible. They can often be structured to fit your personal financial situation, allowing you to make a meaningful impact without affecting your current cash flow. This makes them an appealing option for donors who want to generously support the Danforth Center while achieving other financial goals.

Beyond the tax benefits, planned giving creates a lasting legacy. It ensures that the work you care about continues for years to come, reflecting your values and priorities well into the future.

If you're considering ways to make your giving go further, planned giving may be a powerful and practical option worth exploring.

To explore your options, visit legacy.danforthcenter.org and consult your tax advisor.

GLENN FISCHER'S DECADE OF IMPACT

Ten years ago, Glenn Fischer had no idea what the Danforth Center was. Today, he's one of its most enthusiastic ambassadors: a trained docent who leads tours across our campus and introduces visitors to the science happening in their own backyard.

A Friend's Invitation

A native St. Louisan, Glenn spent his career in the food industry at Wetterau Foods and SuperValu, a background that shaped how he thinks about food and the systems that feed people. When his friend Gary Halls invited him for a tour in 2016, Glenn joined the Danforth Society by the end of the visit. "The mission statement is so wonderful," he says. "This is definitely the jewel in the crown."

What Matters Most

Glenn's philanthropic approach sharpened after his wife Sue passed away from cancer in 2014. Taking up the giving



▲ Glenn Fischer has been a Danforth Society member since 2016 and a WHD Legacy Society member since 2024.

she had always managed, Glenn chose to concentrate his generosity on three organizations: his church (Dardenne Presbyterian), the American Cancer Society, and the Danforth Center. "I thought if I were to give a larger amount, maybe it would have a little more impact," he said. In 2024, he deepened that commitment by joining the WHD Legacy Society. He is especially drawn to the Center's cassava research and makes a point of getting to know the principal investigators whose work he supports.

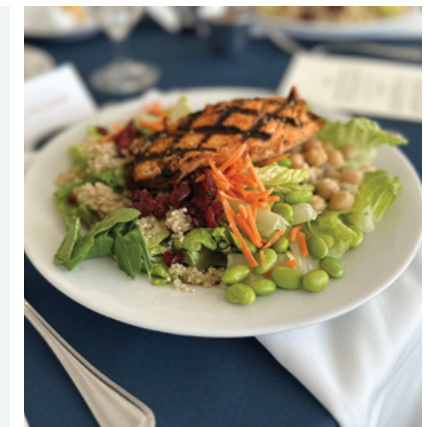
Seeing the Results

For Glenn, the Danforth Center offers something he prizes in his philanthropy: the ability to see what his support makes possible. **"I would like to be able to see concrete results of the institutions that I support," he said. "At the Danforth Center, you can do that."**



▲ *"It is an exciting time to be in the biological sciences. Biology holds the solutions to many modern-day and future challenges."*

Doug Allen, PhD
Principal Investigator



▲ LEGACY SOCIETY LUNCHEON

WHD Legacy Society Luncheon: On November 13, 2025, our new President, Giles Oldroyd, PhD, welcomed members of the WHD Legacy Society to the Board Room for our annual Legacy Society Luncheon. Principal Investigator Doug Allen, PhD, was the featured guest.

Future-proof your giving. Planned gifts offer flexible funding to bridge research and keep momentum strong. Call Parker Butler at 314.587.1071 to learn more.



When you make a planned gift to the Future Forward campaign, you create a legacy of care for generations to come. Learn more: campaign.danforthcenter.org.



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A fundraising celebration of science, hosted by the Young Friends.



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Learn how regenerative ag can shape the future of farming.

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