

So much of what you do becomes part of the lives you touch, the example you set. The traits they see in you and seek to reflect. But what if it were possible to have the good you do live on forever?

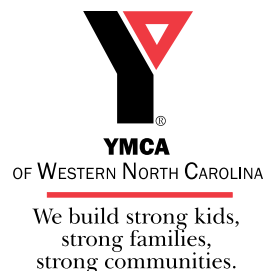
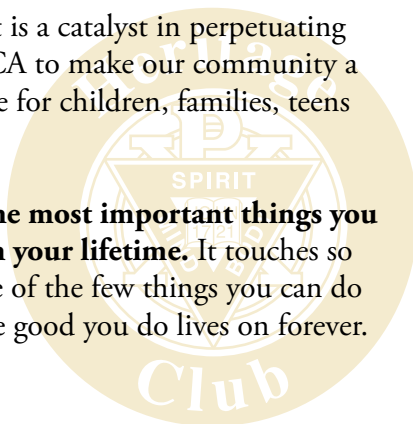
That's the goal of the YMCA Heritage Club, to enable men and women who share the YMCA's ideals and traditions to ensure this valued heritage continues for future generations. The Heritage Club's purpose is to encourage thoughtful gifts as a primary means of building a strong endowment capable of providing lasting support for the YMCA's mission.

Heritage Club Mission: *To provide support for the charitable and institutional needs of the YMCA of Western North Carolina for present and future generations.*

In a world where so much comes and goes so quickly, the YMCA has lasted. It is community based, professionally managed and able to meet the changing conditions of the future, as it has done since 1889. Every day, it promotes the healthy development of children, builds positive behavior in teens, and emphasizes core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility for self and others.

Your endowment gift is a catalyst in perpetuating the work of the YMCA to make our community a safe and healthy place for children, families, teens and adults to live.

Your gift is one of the most important things you may do for others in your lifetime. It touches so many lives and is one of the few things you can do now to make sure the good you do lives on forever.



**A great
PLACE TO LEAVE
A legacy**



YMCA Mission:
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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YMCA
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“It is the foresight and investment in the Heritage Club that strengthens the foundation of who we are and will continue to be for generations to come.”

— Paul Vest, President & CEO
YMCA of Western North Carolina

About the Heritage Club:

The Heritage Club is a special group of people who believe in the mission and work of the YMCA of Western North Carolina and who want to ensure that the valuable life-changing programs and



services will continue. Each member of the Heritage Club has included the YMCA in his/her estate plan and /or made a financial gift to the endowment fund. The YMCA celebrates the vision of Heritage Club members through annual fellowship gatherings, and recognizes these special friends for their leadership, service and devotion.

How to Join:

Becoming a member of the Heritage Club requires a commitment that you will add to the YMCA's endowment fund now or in the future. Several ways of giving will qualify you for Heritage Club membership:

Outright Gifts: Contributing cash, securities or real estate to the YMCA's endowment fund in the amount of \$1,000 or more.

Bequest: Designating a gift to the YMCA for a specific amount, a percentage, or for the remainder of your estate.

Beneficiary Designations: Naming the YMCA as owner or primary or contingent beneficiary of a new or existing insurance policy, IRA, pension plan, or bank account.

Life Income Gift: Making a gift that allows you or your beneficiary to receive money now, with a future gift to the YMCA's endowment fund through a charitable trust or charitable gift annuity.

Permanent Named Funds: Within the endowment fund is a special distinction for gifts totaling \$10,000 or more. Memorialized by name, this recognition honors the outstanding commitment of the donor while honoring them, their family and their descendants of their legacy.



Security and Stability:

The YMCA takes seriously the trust our donors place in us. Gifts to the endowment fund are kept in perpetuity and invested to generate income that is used to further the work of the YMCA. The YMCA's endowment fund is invested with the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, which ranks in the top 100 of community foundations nationwide and manages more than 170 million in assets.

“Endowing future support through a planned legacy gift or bequest helps assure the future of the YMCA and provides the giver perpetual recognition. The YMCA is one of our longest standing and most noble institutions, and it must be preserved for future generations in this way.”

— Jim Stickney, Heritage Club Charter Member

