

CHARITABLE ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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A DONOR STORY: JIM AND MARTIE BULTMAN

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OUR PRIORITY IS WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Founded in 1951 to ensure that our community thrives today, tomorrow, and forever, the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area (CFHZ) can help you achieve your charitable goals, during your lifetime and beyond.

Combining your overall financial and estate planning with charitable planned gifts can help you impact our community while minimizing your tax burden, providing for your family, honoring loved ones, preserving your family name, and reinforcing your personal values.

Our Charitable Estate Management services allow you to create a highly customized plan for the charitable portion of your estate to make things simple for your estate financial representative, and ensure your wishes are met beyond your lifetime.

How it works:

- Choose your favorite 501(c)(3) nonprofits (local or national), how much you want each organization to receive (dollar amounts or percentages) and over what period of time you would like the dollars granted (lump sums, annual distributions or endowment). CFHZ takes care of distributing the gifts.
- If an organization you chose to support ceases to exist beyond your lifetime, CFHZ can follow your predetermined directions to apply the allocation elsewhere.
- During your lifetime you can change your plan at any time.
- You may choose to leave charitable dollars for your family to advise on.
- You may also choose to give anonymously.

You may choose to join the hundreds of others who have given a forever gift to the Holland/Zeeland area by including the Community's Endowment in part of your charitable estate plan.

Our Community's Endowment is comprised of Unrestricted Funds and Field of Interest Funds. These resources are pooled together to achieve greater impact both now and into the future. CFHZ uses a portion of these funds each year to invest in community change across a broad range of issue areas.

Unrestricted Funds: Unrestricted Funds allow you to leave a personal or family legacy in the community and know that the CFHZ Board of Trustees and staff will use the resources to respond to future needs and opportunities. Your gift will always be relevant, as resources are distributed to fit the most pressing needs and exciting opportunities in our community.

Field of Interest Funds: Field of Interest Funds allow you to identify the needs in the community you care about most (e.g. Youth, Basic Needs, Environment), while allowing CFHZ to identify the best possible community investments to meet those needs.

Many of our community members choose to leave money to charity in their will. Are there any causes you're passionate about? We know these decisions are deeply personal. We're here to work alongside you, honoring your legacy and making a lasting impact on our community. To start a conversation about your charitable estate plans and learn more about how CFHZ may be a resource to you as it has been to hundreds of other community members, send us an email or give us a call.



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JIM AND MARTIE BULTMAN

"Make charity your additional child"

That phrase inspired Jim and Martie Bultman to prioritize charitable giving, both during their lifetimes and beyond. Their philanthropy is guided by faith, community, and the joy they receive from giving. To achieve some of their charitable goals, they work with The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area (CFHZ) to respond to both current and future needs for the place they call home.

"That phrase stuck with us," said Jim. "Just as you would leave something for your children, there's a joy in leaving something to your 'additional child' – your community and the charitable causes you value most."

The Holland/Zeeland area has been the setting for many of the most important moments in the Bultman's lives. Jim, a Hope College graduate, became President of his alma mater in 1999 and served for 14 years before retiring in 2013. He and Martie remain beloved figures on campus, with a legacy defined by an active and passionate engagement in the lives of faculty, staff, and students, and a deep commitment to seeing Hope flourish.

Martie, a special education teacher, has incorporated her life's passion into volunteer work. She's co-author of The Friendship Series – a religious education program for children and young adults living

with disabilities. The Series was published and has since been further developed and distributed internationally.

A passion for seeing their community thrive is the common thread woven throughout the Bultman's professional and personal lives. To ensure Holland/Zeeland continues to thrive, they have included CFHZ in their estate plan.

Jim and Martie know the assets they leave to the community will continue to grow, supporting good work for generations to come. "We believe we've been blessed to be a blessing! We know CFHZ will be good stewards of this portion of our charitable estate," said Martie.

Both she and Jim reference the joy of giving as a motivator for their charitable contributions, "One of our greatest joys is to give money away to causes we care about," they said. While the Bultman's giving is motivated by joy, it is grounded in trust. They hold the organizations with whom they share their resources to high standards of integrity and responsibility. "Individually, you don't always know where your gift will make the biggest impact, but a gift to CFHZ takes away that concern. You can absolutely trust in their ability to steward resources in a productive way," Jim said.



BRIDGE BUILDER SOCIETY

Everyone can leave a legacy. Hundreds of individuals and couples have done just that by becoming members of our Bridge Builder Society. Bridge Builders have made a commitment to support the future of our community through a planned gift to the Community Foundation.

Bridge Builders know that the gift they leave to the community will continue to grow, supporting good work for generations to come. Most importantly, they love the greater Holland/Zeeland area and want to see it thrive Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

Ready to learn more? Contact Colleen Hill at chill@cfhz.org or 616.994.8853.

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