

Tell Us about Your Charitable Bequest

If you let us know about your intention to make a gift through your will or living trust by completing the *Letter of Intent for Estate Gift*, we will enroll you in the Legacy Circle, our honored group of friends who help secure the future through their estate planning. This completed form helps us to list your gift correctly in our periodic newsletters and on our website. For instance, it details exactly how you would like your name to appear, or if you would like to remain anonymous. If you would like to list your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, you can also inform us when submitting the form.

Thank you for considering a gift to the American Hearing Research Foundation in your estate plan. Your generous foresight will ensure that hearing research continues investigating cures!

Next Steps

- Contact AHRF at (630) 617-5079 or Info@American-Hearing.org for additional information on charitable bequests or to discuss the different options available for including the Foundation in your will or estate plan.
- Seek the advice of an estate planning professional or your financial or legal advisor.
- If you include the Foundation in your plans, please use our legal name and Federal Tax ID.

Legal Name

American Hearing Research Foundation

Address

275 N. York Street, Suite 401, Elmhurst, IL 60126

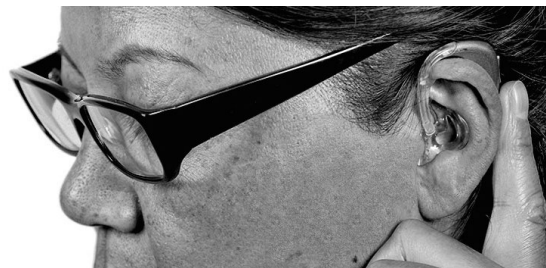
Federal Tax ID Number (EIN)

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Planned Giving



You can play an important role in helping the Foundation secure its role in research for generations to come. When you remember the Foundation through a gift in your will, known as a charitable bequest, you become part of a special group of supporters whose generosity has made possible some of the most innovative and cutting-edge research projects. Gifts that come from sources other than current expendable income are usually part of an overall estate plan that may take effect during a donor's life or after his or her death. Any amount helps the Foundation with its mission. Individuals can choose to leave a specified sum or a percentage of their estate. Other forms of planned giving include securities, certificates of deposit, life insurance policies, retirement benefits, life income funds, and other similar giving mechanisms. These types of gifts should be arranged by a qualified attorney or financial planner.



Planning a future gift might seem like an unnecessary exercise at this point in your life, but did you know that it's one of the most affordable ways to support your favorite charity? Here are some tips to get started.

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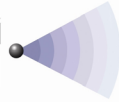
The American Hearing Research Foundation (AHRF), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, recently awarded eight (8) grants totaling \$201,000 for FY16, its 60th anniversary.

AHRF was originally founded in 1956 as the Mid West Hearing Foundation by George E. Shambaugh, Jr., MD, in Chicago, IL, a renowned otolaryngologist. Dr. Shambaugh - who was joined by his colleague, friend and mentee Eugene L. Derlacki, MD, a fellow otolaryngologist, in cofounding the organization - was an expert in diseases of and defects in the inner ear, and a pioneer in surgical and chemical treatments for deafness. He took part in developing and performing some of the first successful surgical techniques to restore hearing loss. The Foundation adopted its current name in 1975.

The Foundation serves two vital roles: 1) To fund significant research in hearing and balance disorders; and, 2) To help educate the public about hearing loss and balance disorders related to the inner ear. AHRF funds five (5) to ten (10) research projects per year. These projects cover a wide range of research areas and are conducted in the hope that the medical community may better understand how individuals lose hearing and balance functions, how function is regained, and, most importantly, how to preserve the hearing function individuals still have. Additionally, the Foundation also awards smaller grants to otolaryngology residents.

Research grant submissions are accepted throughout the Spring and Summer. A thorough review by the Foundation's Research Committee is conducted in early Fall. Subsequently, the Board of Directors meets and approves funding for grants for the following year. Since 2010, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.1 million in research grants.

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You're in Charge



- **Become an educated consumer.** It is helpful to do a little preliminary research on how to make a gift and why it's important. The Foundation is a respected organization dedicated to finding a cure for hearing loss.
- **Consider the implications.** Take time to think about how you want to use your will for making a gift to the Foundation.
- **Make your wishes clear.** Oftentimes, families know what your wishes are. Nonetheless, unless they're clearly stated in your will or trust, they may not be carried out during your estate's settlement.
- **Talk to a professional.** Be sure to do online research of your own and talk to a qualified estate planning professional. Feel free to contact us at (630) 617-5079 or Info@American-Hearing.org to discuss your options.

It will put your mind at ease knowing your intentions will be carried out in the future. You can feel confident and develop the best plan for you and your family while also supporting hearing-related research for generations to come.

A Gift in Your Will or Living Trust

Are you interested in helping the American Hearing Research Foundation with its mission but feel overwhelmed by the thought of writing another check or giving up your assets today? A simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure research continues for years to come is through a gift in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest.

By including a charitable bequest to the Foundation in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission for years to come. Your gift also entitles your estate to an unlimited federal estate tax charitable deduction.



Charitable bequests in your will or estate can be:

- A specific amount;
- Percentage of your estate;
- What remains after other bequests are made; or,
- A conditional gift if your beneficiaries predecease you.

Fill out our *Letter of Intent for Estate Gift* to let us know your desire to include the Foundation in your estate plans moving forward.