

Development Committee: Make a promise to future generations

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In the Winter issue of *The Oakleaf*, we included a brief article regarding the Tench Francis Legacy Society of legacy donors to the Foundation and explained the ease with which anyone can bequest financial support to the Foundation. We are blessed to have had 33 generous members endow the Foundation with a portion of their estate for the benefit of future generations. When many of us think of legacy support, we envision a wealthy philanthropist with substantial and complex holdings leaving a portion of their estate to enrich foundations and charities. While such legacy donations are gratefully welcomed, the beauty of the Foundation's [Tench Francis Legacy Society](#) is the ease with which any member can designate and document a bequest of any amount to support the work of the Foundation in perpetuity. You don't have to be fabulously wealthy, and you need not have substantial and complex holdings to make a promise to support future generations...all that you need is the desire to help others. My wife and I completed our Tench Francis bequest this morning, over coffee...took about 10 minutes to do the paperwork! If you believe in the work of the Foundation, and you want to continue to help future generations after your time passes, I simply ask you to consider designating a bequest to the Foundation. Please complete and send the attached card or simply send a note to Executive Director [CAPT \(ret\) Dan Pionk](#) or [CAPT \(ret\) Will Port](#) to complete a bequest or to learn more about the Tench Francis Legacy Society. Thank you for all that you do, for the good of others.