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Born out of the bicentennial of the Constitution in 1987, the National Constitution Center was chartered by Congress to disseminate nonpartisan information about the Constitution and has grown to become America's leading platform for constitutional education and civil dialogue for people of all ages and perspectives across the country.

In America today, political parties, schools, and communities are divided by partisanship that is stifling civil debate, deliberation, and compromise. Levels of civic knowledge are among the lowest of any generation, contributing to a skepticism about the universal values at the core of the American idea.

The work of teaching the next generation of Americans about our shared history, principles, and habits of civil dialogue will determine the future of our Republic.

We rely on the generous financial support of individuals, foundations, and corporations that understand the urgency and value of our mission. We also depend on the generosity of those who wish to "be the future guardians of the liberties of the Country," as George Washington told Congress in 1796 in his final public appearance as president. We invite you to join their ranks.

The National Constitution Center's Legacy Society recognizes those individuals who advise us that they have made a commitment in their estate plans to ensure that the Center's important mission will carry on with future generations. Establishing a simple bequest in your will or making the Center a beneficiary of a trust, a retirement account asset, or a life insurance policy is one of the best ways to ensure your legacy lives on through the Center's vital work—and that this work is ensured of long-term financial stability.



Legacy Society members are recognized for their commitment (unless they request to remain anonymous) and may be invited to periodic updates and select gatherings that highlight the Center’s mission and impact.

Join us in ensuring our vital work—and the legacy of freedom it celebrates—will endure for generations to come.

“The National Constitution Center is an invaluable resource in understanding the Constitution and its impact on the lives of all citizens. At a time when political discourse is defined by polarization, the podcasts, in particular, connect me directly to a debate that is civil, informative, and balanced.”

SHARON OWSLEY
Legacy Society Member

ABOUT THE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

HEADQUARTERS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The National Constitution Center reaches millions of students, teachers, families, and learners of all ages. Our website, with unparalleled America’s 250th resources, is the online destination for exploring our country’s founding documents and ideas, while our online courses provide a grounding in the text, history, and meaning of the Constitution and core constitutional concepts. Teachers may register for virtual *Scholar Exchanges*, *Civic Stories*, and *Decoding the Document* programs with classrooms in other cities, take part in Young Citizens Scholarship programs, or engage with our professional learning opportunities, including in rural and remote communities. We are also focused on creating opportunities for multiple generations to learn with and from one another by reading founding documents, discussing constitutional ideas, and completing shared activities that spark dialogue, reflection, and curiosity.

AMERICA’S TOWN HALL

The Center brings together diverse thought leaders, students, and citizens to learn about and debate the meaning of the U.S. Constitution. Through our *America’s Town Hall* programs in Philadelphia, convenings around the country, and our podcasts, the best thinkers in America engage in civil dialogue about the most important constitutional issues at the heart of American life. We also model the spirit of the Constitution through events such as our annual Liberty Medal ceremony, which honors individuals and organizations of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe.

MUSEUM OF WE THE PEOPLE

The Center has welcomed millions of in-person visitors since opening our doors in 2003, and thousands more online through our virtual exhibit tours. Our exhibition space includes hundreds of rare artifacts, feature exhibits like our signature *Signers’ Hall*, *Civil War and Reconstruction*, *The 19th Amendment: How Women Won the Vote*, *The First Amendment*, and our award-winning live storytelling performance, *Freedom Rising*. 2026 marks the opening of two new exhibits on *America’s Founding* and *Governing the Nation*.

WAYS TO GIVE

NCC LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Constitution Center is a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which means that donations to the Center are tax-deductible to the full extent permitted by law. Donations may be in the form of cash; appreciated stock, bonds, or mutual funds; life insurance policies; retirement assets; or will or trust provisions. Two common ways to include the Center in your estate or trust plans include bequests and beneficiary designations. We recommend consulting your legal or tax adviser for guidance.

BEQUESTS

It is easy to make a bequest in your will or trust to the National Constitution Center and by doing so, you make nonpartisan constitutional education and civil dialogue part of your enduring impact. Unrestricted bequests or trust provisions permit the National Constitution Center to use your gift wherever it is needed most; restricted bequests or trust provisions underwrite the Center’s activities in areas of greatest interest to you.

You may direct gifts to the Center’s Endowment Fund to be professionally managed and invested toward our long-term goals, to the Annual Operating Fund to meet the Center’s immediate needs at the time your gift is realized, or designate gifts for a particular purpose. If you’re thinking about making a restricted gift, please consult with the Center in order to ensure that our strategic priorities align with your interests.

The following is sample language — as a starting point — to provide to your legal or tax adviser working on your will.

Suggested language for making an unrestricted gift by will or trust:

“I [Name] hereby give, devise, and bequeath [the sum of \$(dollar amount)] [(percentage) % of my residuary estate]¹ to the National Constitution Center (Federal Employer Identification Number 23-2434447), a not-for-profit organization, located at 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19106, for its general use and purposes.”

Suggested language for making a gift by will or trust for a specific purpose:

“I [Name] hereby give, devise, and bequeath [the sum of \$(dollar amount)] [(percentage) % of my residuary estate]² to the National Constitution Center (Federal Employer Identification Number 23-2434447), a not-for-profit organization, located at 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19106, to be used by it in support of [state the purpose or restrict the gift³ to the Center’s Endowment Fund].”

¹ Bracketed language represents alternative types of bequests—a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of an individual’s residuary estate.
² See footnote 1.
³ Please reach out to the NCC’s development office before restricting an estate gift, to ensure that the gift is applied to a continuing program.



BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Designating retirement account assets such as IRAs, 401(k)s, Keoghs, HR-10s, and 403(b)s is another way to support the National Constitution Center. Such assets could otherwise be subject to significant estate, income, and other transfer taxes. By designating the Center as the primary beneficiary of any remaining retirement account assets, the gift may avoid both estate and income taxes, while also supporting the Center.

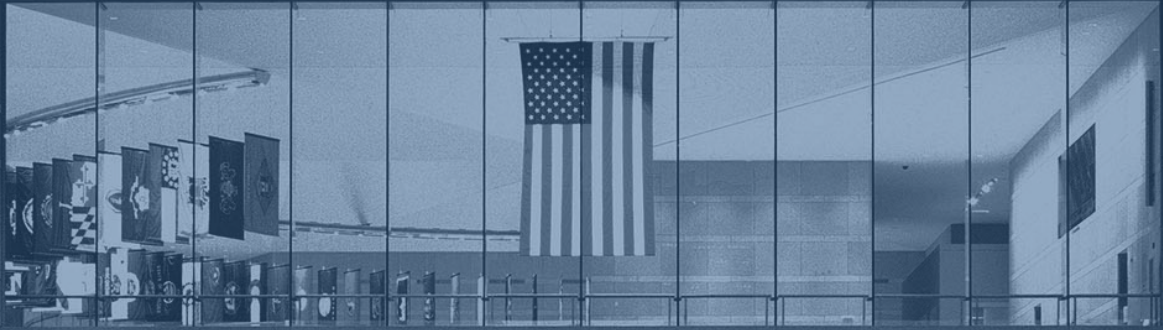
Another option is to designate the National Constitution Center as the owner and beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy or donate a policy to the Center.

Beneficiary designations can generally be established by naming “National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19106 (Tax ID Number 23-2434447)” as a beneficiary.

For more information about making a planned gift to the National Constitution Center, please contact Vice President of Development **Lauren Sylling** (lsylling@constitutioncenter.org).



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