Extend Your Impact, Inspire Others

THE CATHHER LEGACY SOCIETY

“There are always dreamers on the frontier.”
—O Pioneers!

Membership in the Cather Legacy Society is open to those who share the desire to ensure that their support of the Willa Cather Foundation continues beyond their lifetimes.

The generosity of Cather Legacy Society members will enable the Willa Cather Foundation to make a lasting impact. Your personal legacy will benefit generations to come, inspire others, and provide financial security while allowing the Willa Cather Foundation to engage in long-range planning.

Gifts will ensure that we fulfill our mission, and build upon our distinctiveness as an organization that fosters scholarship, preserves treasured sites and collections, and presents valuable educational and cultural programs.

Create a Named Endowment

With a named endowment fund, you can provide a permanent source of revenue for a program or service that is especially meaningful to you. Long after you’re gone, your endowment fund will continue to support the area you’ve chosen — under your name or that of a loved one.

For example, you could establish an endowment to support:

- Educational conferences and seminars
- Preservation of the Cather historic sites
- Scholarships, research fellowships, or artist-in-residence programs at the National Willa Cather Center
- Arts and cultural programming
- Publication of the Willa Cather Review
- Conservation of the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie

The minimum gift commitment to establish a named endowment fund is $25,000.

Information

LEGAL NAME
All charitable gifts should be directed to The Willa Cather Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization located in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Tax identification number 47-0485401.

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Legacy Society members are recognized in our annual report and collectively on a donor wall in the National Willa Cather Center. With your consent, donor profiles will be featured online and in printed materials.
Planned Giving

What experiences will your legacy provide for future generations?

“We want future generations to visit Red Cloud, discover Cather, and recognize her not just as a Nebraska or Midwest writer, but as one of the best American writers.”
—Virgil and Dolores Albertini
Fairway, Kansas
CHARTER MEMBERS

A comprehensive estate plan takes into account the people, places, and causes you care about. It is your support that has allowed our dreams to become exciting and inspiring realities. Your commitment to our mission has taken us far, but there is much more we can achieve together.

Your planned gift will benefit our visitors from around the globe, and help us in our pursuit to popularize Cather and her work around the world. Joining the Cather Legacy Society is an excellent way for you to leave a legacy and help further our mission.

Ways You Can Give

Bequests in Wills and Living Trusts: A charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts you can make. Simply include a provision that leaves a lasting gift to us: a specific asset, a dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue (what is left after all gifts have been made to your heirs).

Beneficiary Designations: A directive that identifies how specific assets will be distributed after your death. Name the WCF to receive assets from retirement plans and life insurance policies. Simply fill out a form that is separate from your will—which makes this approach an easy way to give.

Charitable Remainder Trust: A vehicle that provides you or other named individuals income each year for life or a period not exceeding 20 years from creation. Benefits include a partial charitable income tax deduction, potential for increased income, and up-front capital gains tax avoidance.

Charitable Lead Trust: A trust that pays the WCF set payments for a number of years, which you choose. When the term is up, the remaining trust assets go to you, your family, or other beneficiaries you select. You benefit from the tax savings that result from supporting the WCF while not giving up assets that you’d like others to receive someday.

What You Can Give

Cash: A gift of cash is quick, easy, and eligible for income tax deductions. Cash gifts can be made by check, credit card, or electronic fund transfer.

Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds: Gifts of appreciated assets qualify for a charitable income tax deduction, avoid capital gains taxes, and reduce potential estate taxes.

Retirement Plan Assets: You can make a charitable gift using the beneficiary designation of your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement plan. This type of gift avoids estate and income taxation on the assets accumulated tax-free during your lifetime.

Life Insurance: Offers flexible ways to make a charitable gift of an existing or new policy.

Commodities: For many producers, significant tax savings can be achieved by donating crops or livestock, instead of making a cash contribution after selling the commodity.

The Willa Cather Foundation
Promoting Cather’s Legacy Since 1955

Our Mission: To promote Willa Cather’s legacy through education, preservation, and the arts.

Our Vision: To become a premier cultural center that offers broad educational opportunities for patrons to experience Cather’s work, explore historic landmarks related to her life and times, foster their own creativity, and embrace the arts and Humanities.

Meaningful Giving

“We know there’s a need and we believe in the mission of the Foundation. We want to see our gift have a sustained impact and meaning. On a very concrete level, we can see what the WCF does, and we want to continue to support those efforts long after we’ve gone.”
—Jay Yost and Wade Leak
New York, New York
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