

Benefactor Honors His Values with Legacy Gift

My relationship with St. Matthew's House began when I attended a fundraising dinner. While I was thinking a gift of \$500 to \$1,000 would be appropriate, my experience that evening changed my mind profoundly. I was so moved, I committed to a \$50,000 gift to support the work of St. Matthew's House. I have not stopped making gifts since.

Everyone who visits this special place finds something that resonates with them in a very personal way. As I became more engaged in St. Matthew's House through volunteer work, I saw how impactful a place this is. People who came in dire need of support and guidance shared their personal stories with me. I learned from them how it feels to be isolated, addicted, scared and hopeless. That feeling of being invisible in plain sight. Then someone tells them St. Matthew's House will welcome them and provide a place to stay, food to eat and help to transform their lives. I knew I placed my faith and my financial support in the best place possible. These people are thriving and they exude confidence and pride. They belong and they are valued.

My wife Wendy, a retired teacher, and I, a retired executive, call Naples home. We believe this community offers people who have been fortunate ways to help others realize their full potential. We believe St. Matthew's House is that special place where hope starts and loving support is offered to everyone in need. This is why I have provided for a lasting gift to St. Matthew's House in my estate planning. When you get to this place in your life, and you have provided for your family and other obligations, it feels right to commit the rest of your gifts to places that speak to your heart and honor your values.



I encourage you to consider adding St. Matthew's House to your estate planning discussions. I made a one million dollar gift using funds from my IRA, which is a very tax efficient method. There are many ways making a legacy gift can also benefit your family and lessen the possibility of a tax burden. I encourage you to consult with your estate planning attorney to see how this can work for you. After all, we spend a lifetime accumulating and protecting our wealth, so we should distribute it thoughtfully and confidently. We have that confidence in St. Matthew's House and it gave me great pleasure to make this gift.

— Dennis Flint

If you would like more information about estate planning, please contact Sharon Sparrow, Director of Donor Advising, at ssparrow@stmatthewshouse.org or 239-774-0500, ext. 309.



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