

PLANNED GIVING NEWSLETTER #8: October 2018

United Way of Pickens County is providing this newsletter as a service to our faithful supporters, because we have seen the consequences of people not having an estate plan.

This quarterly newsletter provides information about The various components of an estate plan. We hope that you will use this information to consider how your estate plan can provide for your family, reduce your tax burden, and support charities that you have supported during your lifetime.

It is not intended to provide legal or financial advice. Please seek the help of an attorney or financial advisor before making an estate plan.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU!

Driving to work this morning, I was waiting for the light to turn green at Highway 123. As the cars passed in front of me, I noticed the faces of the drivers hurrying to get to work, some were on their phones or drinking their coffee. Perhaps, they were thinking about their to-do list, the people they were going to encounter on their job, or the upcoming meetings of the day.

Watching people drive to work reminded me of the wonderful and generous folks, like **YOU**, that faithfully support United Way of Pickens County. **YOU** give, **YOU** serve, and **YOU** open your heart and wallet to help those less fortunate in our community.

Thank **YOU** for investing in helping people with their food, shelter, health care, education, income tax filing, and job search needs. We greatly value your generous support!

THE GARRISONS...A LIFETIME SPENT SERVING STUDENTS IN PICKENS COUNTY



Jim and Betty Garrison of Easley devoted their professional lives to education. Jim spent 25 years teaching carpentry and building construction at the Pickens County Career & Technology Center, after being a licensed residential builder and building inspector. Jim serves as a mentor to an elementary school student through the Easley YMCA. And, he developed "Operation Dragonfly", raising funds to place a decommissioned helicopter on permanent display at Easley's Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library, in memory of Captain Kimberly Hampton. Betty served as a teacher, counselor, and principal at Easley High School for 37 years. Currently, she represents District 5 on the School District of Pickens County's Board of Trustees. Betty is also a Founding Member of United Way of Pickens County's Women United Executive Committee.

Throughout their professional careers, Jim and Betty used payroll deduction to support United Way of Pickens County, specifying that their gifts be used for educational needs. "We've been blessed with a healthy family, and were encouraged by our parents to serve and give to our church and community," said Jim.

Recently, the Garrisons met with their attorney to update their wills. "Betty and I asked our attorney about using our estate plan to support education," said Jim. Their attorney suggested that they consider making a bequest (the act of

giving by a will) to support a charity that they believed in. "Naturally, we chose United Way of Pickens County, and specifically to provide future resources for Camp iRock."

"Camp iRock is helping struggling children in Pickens County learn to read," said Betty. "Over the last four years, I have seen first-hand how Camp iRock is impacting the lives of children, helping them to go from struggling to succeeding."

"We want to make Pickens County a better place long after we're gone from this world," said Jim. "We chose to include United Way of Pickens County in our estate plan, because we wanted to help future students graduate, and thus have more career choices and lead productive lives."

A FINAL GIFT IN YOUR WILL

You can join the Garrisons, and make one final gift to United Way of Pickens County through your will. Here are some examples on how to make a bequest upon your death to help people in need in our community:

- 1. Bequest of cash:** "I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to United Way of Pickens County."
- 2. Bequest of a percent of the estate:** "I devise and bequeath ___% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death to United Way of Pickens County."
- 3. Contingent Bequest:** "If my spouse survives me, I devise and bequeath the remainder and residue of my estate to my spouse. If my spouse does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath ___% of my residuary estate to United Way of Pickens County."

Or, you can complete a codicil, which is a legal document that modifies an earlier will. A sample codicil can be found on our website at www.uwpickens.org/heritage-society

Please seek the help of an attorney or accountant when making your estate plan.

A FREE BROCHURE...HOW CAN I GET A COPY?

United Way of Pickens County has a limited number of copies of *"How to Make a Will That Works."* To get your free brochure, please send an email to: meisengrein@uwpickens.org.

YEAR END GIVING...WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Did you know that 40% of Americans wait until November and December to donate to charitable causes?

If you haven't supported United Way of Pickens County yet this year, we invite you to consider a gift by year's end, so that we can continue to serve the needs of residents in Pickens County. Your gift will:

- Help struggling students in rising grades 1-4 learn to read at 2019 Camp iRock, and
- Support 21 organizations in Pickens County that are helping to meet thousands of people's basic needs, such as Meals on Wheels, Samaritan Health and Dental Clinic, and United Christian Ministries.

You can go online at www.uwpickens.org to make a secure donation. Or, simply mail a check payable to **United Way of Pickens County to: P.O. Box 96, Easley, SC 29641**. Thank you for caring and sharing.



You are invited to join the *Heritage Society* by planning an estate gift to help support the ongoing mission of United Way of Pickens County in perpetuity. You will be joining other likeminded individuals who have made plans to support United Way of Pickens County through their estate plan. If you would like to discuss how to make one final gift to United Way of Pickens County through your estate plan, contact Mark Eisengrein at 864-850-7094 ext. 108 or email at: meisengrein@uwpickens.org.