

Charitable Gift Annuities: A Lasting Impact

Mary's Story

Throughout their 60 years of marriage, Mary's husband, Howard, was active in his Lodge. As his lady, she was also a part of the many Masonic-related activities, including involvement in Order of the Eastern Star. One of the special gifts they received through their fraternal affiliations was the bond of their Masonic family. They always felt the support and sense of community.

The other valuable life-long gift that developed through their Masonic relations was the realization of what it means to give back. The Masons, through their various charitable acts of kindness, instilled in both of them the desire to make a positive impact.

When Howard passed away two years ago, Mary again leaned on the Masonic community and decided to move into a Village on the Square independent living apartment at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities (Wisconsin Masonic Home) in Dousman, Wisconsin.

Mary: *The minute I walked into Village on the Square it just felt like home. I could almost feel the mission. I truly enjoy this community and have made many friends.*

A long-time supporter of Three Pillars, Mary had also volunteered during the Christmas season with her Eastern Star chapter.

Mary: *I have witnessed the wonderful work of the Masons here at Three Pillars, both through my volunteer work and now as a resident. I want to do something that will show my appreciation of all that is done on behalf of the residents and their families. And, in a way, honor my husband who so enjoyed the Masonic brotherhood.*

Mary sought to direct a gift where it would sustain the mission of the Wisconsin Masonic Home and have a lasting impact on future residents. After discussion with her children, she decided to set up a \$20,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

Mary: *I wanted to leave our legacy in some way. I couldn't think of a better place than Three Pillars and the Resident Support Fund.*

For Mary it was an honor to establish this gift during her lifetime.

Mary: *This is really about the joy of giving and the ability to support something that we have been very passionate about. It is also a win-win for me as I still realize income from my donation until I pass away. I know my Howard would have been thrilled with this decision.*



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