

Some thoughts...

County Pride

County Monaghan people are proud of their roots and rich heritage and are optimistic for County Monaghan's future. You can do so much for your county and we invite you to consider the following:

- Are you Proud of your County Monaghan Roots?
- Do you want to achieve lasting positive change for your county?
- Do you want to support charities in your county but don't know where to start?
- Would you like to multiply the impact of your gift by pooling it with others for maximum benefit?
- Do you want peace of mind that your contribution will be expertly and professionally managed in years to come?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, it could make sense for you to consider the County Monaghan Fund in your will.

- Do you know what the most needy and important causes for County Monaghan will be in 10, 20, 40 years?
- Do you know if the local organizations in your county will be here in 10, 20, 40 years time?

If you answered 'no' to either of these questions, it could make sense for you to consider us in your will.

Your charitable bequest puts you in good company. Your endowed fund will be multiplied with gifts from other caring individuals and families to do good works in our community for generations to come.

Thank you for considering reserving a portion of your estate for your county—for good, forever.

Planning Your Legacy

The income from your donation to the County Monaghan Fund could be used to support the area around where you live, voluntary groups you have been involved with, or a particular cause (e.g. education, the environment, health etc.) you care about. Or you could leave it up to our Board to use the income to meet the most pressing needs in the community at any given time. Tell us what is important to you.

When should I include the charitable gift?

Any time you are drafting or changing your will, you may want to consider charitable gifts. Your legal and financial advisor can provide guidance related to your personal estate, beneficiaries, income goals, taxes, and other considerations. Donors can leave any amount for the benefit of the County Monaghan Fund.

Why do people give through community foundations?

Foundations are a means to ensure donations have a long term impact for good – forever! They allow the donor support their community's charitable interests without having to name them specifically. In addition, donations have a bigger impact when pooled with other funds and may also provide tax relief benefits for the donor.

For some people, a large charitable gift during their lifetime may not be possible—they may be uncertain about their health, wealth and personal commitments. A gift in one's will may make more sense. You can still fulfil your personal goals of honouring loved ones and providing for heirs whilst minimising tax burdens and supporting the community you call home.

What assets should I give?

People can choose to give a variety of assets, financial and other. Contact the County Monaghan Fund at the Community Foundation for Ireland for more information. Your professional advisor can also recommend the best options and most tax efficient benefits when you make a charitable gift.

Detailed information and necessary forms available from your Professional Advisor i.e. Solicitor or Accountant or From The Co. Monaghan Fund office at:-

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Who will benefit?

No one knows the needs of the future. The Board of the County Monaghan Fund is no different from others in this regard. However, it does know that if resources are strategically targeted at the root cause of a problem that this makes more sense and saves money in the long term. Hence The County Monaghan Fund at the Community Foundation for Ireland has funded or otherwise supported the following projects:

- **Monaghan County Enterprise Board Student Enterprise Programme.** This programme teaches young people the skills they need to be the business leaders of tomorrow. It also encourages and teaches innovative and creative thinking.
- **DCU Access Education Fund.** This gives disadvantaged students from county Monaghan an opportunity to achieve a 3rd level education. It also encourages them to put their learning to use for the benefit of Co Monaghan.
- **Defibrillator Training for Trainers project.** Defibrillators save lives and many communities throughout county Monaghan have invested in both equipment and training in its use. Those who use the equipment need regular re-training to keep their skills updated. This re-training places a huge burden on their financial resources.

The Defibrillator Training for Trainers project ensures that selected members within local communities have the necessary skills to train their peers in the use of defibrillator equipment at no cost. In the long term, this is a huge saving for the local community.

The County Monaghan Fund realizes that in some circumstances, a need is too pressing to wait for a long term solution. Therefore, it lends support to charitable causes where other funds are unavailable or insufficient to address a current need, e.g. the County Monaghan Alzheimers Committee; Ballybay Cailini; 2nd & 3rd Monaghan Scouts Troops; Carrickasedge Social Centre; Carrickroe Community Centre; Castleblayney Arts and Community Centre; Clones Community Forum; Errigal Truagh Special Needs Group; Croi Community Development; Latton Social Services; Monaghan County Childcare Committee; "A Club" Ardagh; Clones Daycare for the Elderly; Knockatallon Development Committee; Carrick CPR Defibrillator Equipment; Ballybay Community Centre Defibrillator Equipment; Teach na nDaoine Defibrillator Equipment; Ballybay Community Creche; Ballinode Hall Committee; Ceara Women's Group Lough Egish; Co Monaghan Special Needs; Active Parents Castleblayney; Irish Sex Education Network (Intellectual Disabilities); St Vincent de Paul Kilmore & Drumsnatt Conference. Reading Recovery Project.