

YOU CAN PAY TRIBUTE TO THE GORGE, NOT ONCE BUT IN PERPETUITY

Some might say that the simple act of supporting a cause that is dear to you is in writing the check. The complexity can come about in not readily knowing the impact of your support or even how long that impact will be felt by the causes you have sustained.

The cause we refer to here is our beloved Hickory Nut Gorge. Whether the Gorge is your year-round home or your seasonal retreat, the one thing that truly unites us is our common understanding of what a special place it really is.



With that in mind, have you ever wondered what part you can play in protecting and preserving what we have, not just now but for your loved ones after you're gone?

Truly local opportunities to do that don't come around that often. But there is one solid way and the return is guaranteed to leave a legacy that will outlive all of us.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Assets to consider in planning your gifts include cash, securities, life insurance or real estate.

Additionally, the **Founder's Circle** is another way to give. It was created to provide a group of individuals or families a means to make a ten year financial commitment to help build up the endowment.

You can do this annually or in a lump sum. Well over 25 couples and individuals have made this special commitment. For details, talk with any board member.



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When you find a place to call home or that you love to visit and share with others throughout your life, there is a part of you that wants to ensure that it is protected for future generations, some of whom may even be your own family.

That was the impetus behind the creation of the Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation in 2005. It was the vision of a handful of residents and business owners to create an endowment fund, a guaranteed savings account of sorts that would last forever. It is managed by the prominent and highly regarded Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. The CFWNC manages over 750 charitable funds totaling more the \$150 million.

The mission of the HNG Foundation is pretty simple: To provide a means by which you can leave a personal legacy and in so doing, protect and enhance the Gorge for future generations. By building up the endowment, we collectively preserve and enhance the Gorge for the future while using the interest it generates to serve our local communities now.

The interest from the endowment makes it possible to provide multiple grants throughout the year to and for the people and communities in the Gorge. This way, you have a meaningful way to see your impact now, later and forever.

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MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS & WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE:

Chances are pretty good that as you learn about the people and organizations that we support, that you too have supported them through your own direct giving.

However, when you support the Foundation, what you give goes directly to the endowment where it immediately begins building interestforever. We then take that interest and invest it right back into the Gorge. In short, we help your financial support go further and do more.

GENERAL AREAS OF FOCUS:

- ❖ Arts & Education
- ❖ Strengthening Volunteerism & a Sense of Community
- ❖ Supporting Economic Vitality
- ❖ Promoting Quality Health & Outdoor Recreation
- ❖ Enhancing and Protecting our Natural Environment

CORE VALUES:

In a phrase, it boils down to: Responsibility and Stewardship. As stewards, we strive in all we do, to do the best thing, for the best reason and in the best way for the towns, schools, businesses, charities and churches of the Hickory Nut Gorge.