

**Plan a gift
now... change
a life forever.**



Legacy Giving Programs



■ Community Opportunity Center

Community Opportunity (COC) was founded in 1965. With a focus on quality and a culture of caring and individualized services, COC provides residential opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People live in more than 20 home settings, which are operated by COC; some of which are owned by COC, some leased homes and apartments, and some owned by family members of persons COC supports.

COC's mission is to help people achieve their greatest potential while leading a fulfilled life in a caring environment. The greatest concern we hear from families is, "Who will care for my loved one when I am gone." For more than 50 years, COC has been a pillar of support to people until their end of life, but not without financial assistance from many sources.

With your gift, you can help us do what we do today, even better tomorrow.

■ One family who chose to “Pay it Forward.”



Simon Chamie passed away in 2014 and left his estate to Lila, his beloved sister, who was a member of the COC family for more than 20 years. Thereafter, the Chamie brothers, (Abraham, Jim, and Joe), decided that these funds would best

be used to benefit Lila, others supported by COC and future residents of COC affiliated housing and services. Sadly, Lila passed away on September 25, 2015, while under hospice care at Milburn House. The staff and hospice personnel ensured her comfort and well-being in a caring and safe home environment among friends.

It was through their sincere gratitude, their genuine desire to make a difference, and their interest in giving back to the organization that provided a loving and nurturing home for their sister, that this very generous gift came to fruition. COC is forever grateful to the Chamie family for their extraordinary kindness and generosity that will ultimately benefit many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by COC for many years to come.



■ **How you can help**

- As individuals age, COC finds itself often self-funding the extra staff and services older individuals need.
- As people choose to live in smaller home settings, COC provides financial support to these locations, which are not adequately funded by mental health dollars. The nearly 100 people on the COC waiting list are anxiously interested in securing a housing alternative with COC.
- As COC reaches out to those still living with their families to offer staff support, fundraising dollars are partially supporting this endeavor.
- COC financially augments staff wages, benefits and training allowance, above that provided by our mental health system to secure and maintain quality personnel.

Please consider including Community Opportunity Center in your estate plan. Your investment in COC will strengthen the corporation's ability to go over and above while also offering hope and encouragement to many.

■ **Become A Donor**

You may make a donation at any time in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion or as a direct contribution.

Donations can be made as a matching gift through your employer. Donations are tax deductible and always appreciated.



■ Benefits of giving through your estate plan

- **Perpetuate your values.** Your will or trust allows you to create a legacy that reflects the values you hold dear.
- **Retain control of your assets during your lifetime.** You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- **Take advantage of tax laws that help preserve your estate assets.** A well-designed plan can result in your estate paying less taxes, allowing you to leave more for your beneficiaries.

Giving is a privilege that fills the heart with joy.





■ Ways to give through your estate plan

It is easy. You can name Community Opportunity Center as a beneficiary of specific assets, or a portion of your estate or of your residual estate. The following assets provide an easy and tax-efficient way to make a bequest and offer flexibility for modification, if circumstances change:

- **Retirement Plan**
such as an IRA, 401(k), or 403(b)
- **Life Insurance Policy**
- **Financial accounts**
such as a bank or brokerage account or a certificate of deposit (CD).

■ Sample Bequest Language

If you wish to name Community Opportunity Center in your will or estate plan, include:

Community Opportunity Center
14147 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Our tax identification number is:
38-3143428

Help us plan

If your plans already include a gift for Community Opportunity Center, we would love to hear from you. Please send us the gift intent form.

Gift Intention

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Professional Advisor: _____

Firm: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My Legacy

- I have included Community Opportunity Center in my estate plan and have enclosed the intent form.
- I intend to include Community Opportunity Center in my estate.
- I am interested in including Community Opportunity Center in my estate plan.
- Please contact me with more information. I am interested in including Community Opportunity Center in my estate plan. I may like you to meet with my Financial Advisor.



■ Contact Us

For more information on how to perpetuate your values and leave a lasting gift to Community Opportunity Center, please contact either our Executive Director or Controller.

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