

Memorials, Personalized Tributes and Planned Giving

Memorials

Huron County Nature Center may be designated to receive donations in lieu of flowers as part of a memorial service. All donors will receive a letter from HCNC acknowledging their gift and a list of donors will be mailed to the family notifying them of contributions made in memory of their loved one. Memorial donations should be sent to:

**Huron County Nature Center
P.O. Box 462
Port Austin, MI 48467**

Commemorative Benches

A commemorative bench at the Nature Center is a meaningful way to honor a special person or significant event. Commemorative benches allow visitors to sit and enjoy their surroundings. Funds raised from commemorative bench donations help support HCNC's mission of nature education, conservation of natural resources and environmental stewardship.

Commemorative benches may be installed at the request of donors making a tribute gift of \$2,000 or greater to HCNC. Bench location must be mutually agreed upon by the donor and HCNC. A 3" x 5" bronze plaque on the back of the bench will be engraved with your custom text and will be highly visible as visitors walk our trails. Tributes may also commemorate an event, celebrate a friendship, or memorialize other occasions. The tribute gift may be 100% tax deductible; please consult your tax advisor.



The commemorative bench we have chosen is pictured nearby. It is four feet in length, constructed of powder coated steel, and weighs over 180 pounds.

Commemorative benches will remain in place for a minimum of 15 years unless damaged beyond repair. Benches may remain in place after 15 years at HCNC's discretion.

To purchase a bench or seek more information, please contact us at hello@huronnaturecenter.org or call or text (989) 551-8400.

Planned Giving

Planned giving includes gifts through wills, charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts.

A bequest is the most common method of planned giving. In a specific bequest, you would designate a specific dollar amount, specific percentage or your estate, or specific property to be given to HCNC. With a residual bequest, the amount remaining after your estate paid all debts, taxes, expenses, and specific would go to HCNC. Under a contingent bequest, you would provide that HCNC receive all or a portion of your estate only under certain circumstances. (For example, you could name HCNC as a beneficiary of your estate only if there are no surviving close family members. Childless couples sometimes provide for the entire estate to go to the surviving spouse, or if the spouse does not survive, to a specified charitable organization.)

Other types of planned giving include life income gifts, gifts of life insurance, charitable lead trusts, retirement plan gifts, and charitable remainder trusts. Please consult your estate and trust lawyer and/or financial professional if you are considering any of these options. If you have established a planned gift, we ask that you notify us.

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