

# John & Gwen MCKEE SOCIETY

**THE MCKEE SOCIETY** recognizes the pantry's most loyal and dedicated supporters who have chosen to make a planned gift to benefit the Aurora Food Pantry for years to come.

**Charitable gift annuities** offer a secure payment stream for yourself and/or a loved one for your lifetime. You will also receive tax benefits and the satisfaction of creating a lasting legacy through the Aurora Food Pantry.

A **Charitable Remainder Trust** is a tax-free trust that pays you or your beneficiaries an annual distribution: either a percentage of the annual value of the trust, or a percentage of the original gift amount.

## WHY MAKE A GIFT TO THE PANTRY'S ENDOWMENT?

The Aurora Food Pantry's endowment provides a stream of revenue for generations to come. An endowment is different from outright donations. Your gift, in any amount, is invested through the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.

Each year, only a portion of the income is spent; the rest is added to the original fund so it continues to grow. Over time, it provides more annual income to the pantry FOR PERPETUITY. You receive the tax benefits of a one-time gift while providing permanent, annual donations to the pantry.

Planned gifts allow you to support the pantry in an impactful way. Additionally, it can reduce income tax and avoid capital gains tax.



#### **CHARITABLE BEQUESTS**

These can be made through your will or trust. Anyone can make a charitable beguest, in any amount.

General Bequest: A monetary gift paid out of your estate by naming the pantry in your will

Residuary Bequest: A gift of what remains in your estate after you've provided for family and loved ones

Specific Bequest: A gift of a particular cash amount or item, such as property, pieces of jewelry, art, stamp collection, etc.

Bequests can be unrestricted (to be used for general purposes) or, restricted (to be used for a specific project, equipment or program).

## **HOW TO JOIN**

To join the McKee Society, please inform the pantry's development staff that you have made a long-term provision through estate planning. With your permission, your name will be listed with others as McKee Society members. To discuss your plans, please contact Executive Director Katie Arko at 630.296.4434 or karko@aurorafoodpantry.org.

## **ABOUT THE MCKEE SOCIETY**

John McKee is a life-long resident of Aurora, Illinois and is a graduate of West Aurora High School and Beloit College. Gwen McKee was born in Chicago, Illinois. She was also a graduate of Beloit College. The McKees have exemplified charitable giving, volunteerism and community support in Aurora for decades. In recognition of the legacy established by the McKees through a charitable bequest benefiting the pantry, and for their years of support, this planned giving society is named in their honor.