



Western Museum of Mining & Industry  
225 North Gate Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

## Legacy Giving at a Glance

The mission of the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) is to educate the public about the history and continuing contributions of mining, ranching and other supporting industries in the American West.

**Legal Name:** Western Museum of Mining & Industry

**Entity:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

**Federal Tax Identification Number:** 84-0603781

**Mailing Address:**

WMMI  
225 North Gate Blvd  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

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**Purpose:**

Open since 1970, the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) is committed to preserving and interpreting the rich mining history of Colorado and the American West. The multi-purpose exhibit building offers visitors a unique and interactive experience designed to educate the public about the importance of mining and industry and its impact on our daily lives.

## Start Legacy Planning Today!

**Bequests**

**Consider leaving a bequest to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry by naming our organization as a beneficiary – or even a contingency (secondary) beneficiary – in your will or trust.**

*What is a bequest?*

A bequest is simply a gift you make to WMMI through your will which indicates your desire to leave something of value to the Museum and its future work. A charitable bequest can be a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the value of your total estate, a gift of stock, life insurance, or in some cases, even real estate.

Donors wishing to designate a gift to WMMI in their will or trust should use the following language:



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"I wish to give (choose appropriate statement): *a specific dollar amount; percentage of the estate; or (specific number) shares of (specified) security* to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, Attention Legacy Coordinator. The contact number is 719.488.0880."

### **Savings or Retirement Accounts**

**Consider naming the Western Museum of Mining & Industry as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary in your retirement account, savings or checking account, pension plan, or life insurance policy.**

Although most people intend to leave their assets to family, perhaps you might consider leaving a small percentage of your IRA, for example, to help WMMI continue its mission. In most cases, you can simply name WMMI (use our entire name) as a beneficiary.

*Do I need an attorney for this purpose?*

This can be accomplished without an attorney. Simply contact your IRS custodian, bank, or insurance representative for a beneficiary designation form – of course, should things change, this type of gift is easily changed. And, if you have questions, we always recommend consulting with your professional advisors.

### **Use of Gifts**

WMMI will work closely with you to identify the purpose of your gift as well as help identify areas where a need for help exists. We want to make the need align with your interests. Generally, contributions made through a will or trust is designated to WMMI's unrestricted fund. However, you may specify a purpose for your gift.

### **Notification and Recognition**

We look forward to recognizing you as a member of WMMI's Legacy Society! Please let us know of your gifting intentions so we can acknowledge your generosity. And of course, we will respect your wishes should you prefer we not announce your gift.

**Thank you for your interest and consideration of a legacy gift! Remember, your thoughtful planned donation in any amount ensures the value WMMI can continue to fulfill its mission.**