

The American Independence Museum engages, educates, and excites people of all ages to understand and celebrate the American struggle for freedom and self-governance and to preserve and share our buildings, grounds, and collections so they will be an inspiration for generations to come.



The Society of the Cincinnati was founded by officers of the American Revolution immediately following the war. This eagle insignia was developed by Pierre L'Enfant and is still reproduced today.



Museum volunteers during a public program

We encourage you to speak to your financial advisor

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact our Development Manager, at **603-772-2622** or giving@independencemuseum.org



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Giving



Make History by Creating a Legacy

A legacy gift to the American Independence Museum invests in our mission and makes an informed financial decision

Help the preservation and growth of the Museum for generations to come

Take advantage of many financial benefits

Your gift of any amount includes you in the Museum's planned giving society, the 1721 Assembly.



OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Bequests — are the most popular and easiest type of planned gift. You can choose to leave the Museum a specific dollar amount, a stated percentage of your estate, or even personal property such as artwork or books.

Retirement Planned Assets — assets in qualified (tax-deferred) retirement plans may represent a large portion of your total assets and therefore may be an important factor in planning testamentary charitable gifts. Retirement assets generally considered suitable for charitable gifts include such plans as IRAs, Keoghs, SEPs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and ESOPs. If you designate the Museum as a beneficiary upon your death of all, or a specified percentage of a retirement plan, the portion of the plan payable to the Museum will generally escape estate taxes.



Original stairwell in the 1752 section of the Ladd-Gilman House

The museum accepts additional planned gifts, beyond what is listed in this brochure. Please contact us regarding your planned giving.



An 1816 map of New Hampshire completed by Secretary of State Philip Carrigain during the governorship of John Taylor Gilman

LIFE INCOME GIFTS

Charitable Remainder Trusts — charitable remainder trusts allow you to make a gift to the Museum and at the same time retain a benefit from the assets you give. These separately managed trusts can be tailored to meet your financial goals with respect to the payout rate, type of income stream (variable or fixed), and payment schedule. To establish a remainder trust, you make an irrevocable contribution of cash, securities, or other property, which is placed in trust. The trust pays an income stream to one or more named beneficiaries (which can include you) for life and/or for a set term of years (not to exceed 20), and the Museum receives the right to principal as a remainder interest.

GIFTS PROTECTING ASSETS

Charitable Lead Trusts — a charitable lead trust is the reverse of a charitable remainder trust; the gift to the Museum is the income stream from the trust, not the remainder. Charitable lead trusts enable you to provide an income stream to the Museum immediately for a set term of years or for a term measured by one or more lifetimes after which the trust assets pass to you, your estate, or to your heirs.