

## October is National Estate Planning Awareness Month

October is that month when we prepare for winter. We store away the last of the bounty from our harvest to see us through until spring. We might caulk windows and doors, have our furnace serviced, or replenish the wood pile in anticipation of those bitter winter days.

October is also the time when we are encouraged to prepare for the "winter" of our lives. It is National Estate Planning Awareness Month – a time to either make an estate plan or update an existing estate plan.

Your "last will and testament" is a simple, legally binding document that ensures that you decide what happens after your death. You decide who has control of your minor children. You decide how your property and other assets are shared. You decide if you want to leave a legacy gift so that your memory lives on long after you are gone.

A comprehensive estate plan is more than a will. It should include a power of attorney, an advance directive, and if you so choose, trusts for children and grandchildren, gifts for favorite charities, and even provisions for the care of your pets. A qualified advisor or attorney can help develop your estate plan.

"Every man has two deaths, when he is buried in the ground and the last time someone says his name. In some ways men can be immortal."

- Ernest Hemingway

Although it doesn't provide immortality, a well-thoughtout estate plan can ensure that your name will live on. A bequest to Northeast Community College might provide an endowed scholarship so that students far into the future will know about you and benefit from your hard work. A gift to a building project at Northeast could help improve the learning experience for students and provide the opportunity for your name to remain on display in that structure as long as it stands, honoring your contributions to the community.

If you decide to create an estate plan, or update your current estate plan, it is recommended that you consult a professional. A list of professionals who serve on the Northeast Planned Giving Advisory Council can be found using the QR code below.

If you have not already done so, please consider leaving a gift to Northeast in your will. You can have a lasting impact on students for generations to come.

If you have already named the college in your will, please let us know so that can include your name in our Founders Society.

For more information on planned giving, or other ways to contribute to Northeast, email foundation@northeast.edu or call 402-844-7240. ■

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## Founders Society Members

Northeast has established the Founders Society to celebrate and thank those individuals who share in the College's dedication to the success of students and the region it serves. The Founders Society is comprised of those individuals who have chosen to include Northeast in their estate plan with a deferred gift for the ultimate benefit of the College and its students.

Planned gifts include bequest in wills or living trusts; life income plans such as gift annuities, charitable trusts, and pooled income funds; and beneficiary designations of retirement plans, brokerage accounts, and life insurance policies.

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