



Thank you for being a part of the Gunflint Trail Historical Society. The vision of a small group of people in 2005 is now a vibrant, active community of people, preserving the stories of the Trail, and telling those stories at Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center.

The magical place at end of the Trail called Chik-Wauk would not exist, without member contributions of hard-earned resources, people-power and elbow grease.

These contributions, essential to bringing faces of the Gunflint Trail's history to life remain at the forefront of a journey for the Society today and for its future.

By connecting the past with the present this preservation endeavor enriches lives every day. As history continues to reveal itself at every curve in the Gunflint Trail, the Society contemplates future exhibits and programming.

A vital means of meeting the needs of Chik-Wauk and sustaining the Society's commitment to the future is "growing" the endowment fund. The Society is encouraging contributors to be a part of the campaign to nurture the endowment assuring financial security for decades. The two-year goal is \$500,000!

Please consider continued financial support through giving to the Gunflint Trail Historical Society endowment.

Planned Giving

Many have graciously supported recent Capital Campaign drives for facility development.

Continuing financial support through gifts to the endowment may be accomplished in several ways.

- A monthly sustaining contribution
- An annual contribution
- Through a will
- Through a revocable living trust

Your investment makes a difference to every person visiting Chik-Wauk long into the future.



Suggested popular planned giving options

Gift of appreciated securities.

Example: If you've owned stock for more than a year, and it has increased in value, stock may be donated directly to the Gunflint Trail Historical Society. You may receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of your gift when you itemize, and also eliminate capital gains tax.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Make a gift from your IRA (other than SEP or SIMPLE IRA). If you are at least 70 1/2 years old, you may give any amount up to \$100,000.00 annually from your IRA, directly transferred from the fund to a qualified non-profit such as the Gunflint Trail Historical Society, without having to pay federal tax on the money.

Gift in your will or revocable living trust.

This can be as simple as including a sentence in your will or living trust. Because this gift doesn't go into effect until after your lifetime, your current budget is not affected, and you can change your mind at any time.

Example: If you are ready to include a gift to support the Gunflint Trail Historical Society in your will, ask your attorney to add this suggested wording to the estate document: I give to the Gunflint Trail Historical Society Grand Marais, MN, the sum of \$____ (or ____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its Endowment.

Gift of retirement plan assets.

Example: By naming the Gunflint Trail Historical Society as the primary beneficiary on the beneficiary form for a percentage (from 1 to 100) of your accounts final value, make a tax-wise gift to support the Gunflint Trail Historical Society after your lifetime.

Gift of Life Insurance.

By naming the Gunflint Trail Historical Society as the owner of your whole life or universal plan, annual premium payments become tax deductible and you receive a tax deduction in the year of the contribution for the current cash value of the policy. Or, purchase a new life insurance and name the Gunflint Trail Historical Society as the owner and your premiums are tax deductible.

Not ready to create a legacy plan at this time? Donations made now immediately support and sustain Chik-Wauk exhibit expansion and programming, general operations, special projects, and/or capital campaigns. Or, your planned giving to the Endowment may take effect in the future as your legacy.





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Legacy Giving Response Form:

Please check all that apply:

I have already included the Gunflint Trail Historical Society in my will or estate plans.

I would like more information about Legacy giving.

I would like more information about one of the above options: _____

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



It is never too late to create a lasting legacy!

Contact your financial advisor for specific information about legacy giving.

- 1) Feel secure about the future of loved ones;
- 2) maintain control of your assets;
- 3) receive tax benefits;
- 4) give more than you ever thought possible.

Inform the Gunflint Trail Historical Society of plans to include the organization as a beneficiary. For assistance in crafting your Gunflint Trail/Chik-Wauk legacy, call 218-388-9915, or complete the

Legacy Giving Response Form and return to:

Gunflint Trail Historical Society

28 Moose Pond Road

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