The YMCA Foundation is a special group of people who believe in the mission of the YMCA of El Paso and who want to ensure that valuable programs and services will be continued for future generations. Each member of the YMCA Foundation has included the YMCA in his/her estate plan which will help to build long term financial stability for the YMCA. This stability will allow the YMCA to meet its Mission in putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Becoming a member of the YMCA Foundation requires a commitment which now, or in the future, will add to the YMCA Foundation’s endowment fund. There are 2 levels of commitment within the YMCA Foundation:

**Heritage Club**
Donors recognized for gifts up to $24,999

**George Williams Society**
Donors recognized for gifts over $25,000

There are a variety of ways to become a YMCA Foundation member including:

**Outright Gifts**
A contribution of cash, land and/or securities.

**Insurance**
Naming the YMCA Foundation as a beneficiary of all or part of an insurance policy.

**Charitable Trust**
Gifts of remainder interest in asset with life interest in the trust retained by the donor and/or the donor’s family.

**Charitable Annuity Income Accounts**
Charitable gift annuities give you an immediate income tax deduction and regular income payments for life, while providing long-term financial support to the YMCA.

Bequests and gifts can be designated for use at a particular YMCA branch, for any stated purpose, or for general purposes of the YMCA without restrictions. Of course, permanent funds ($50,000 +) may be named in honor of the donor or a nominee, or in memory of a loved one. The wishes of the donor will be meticulously observed by the YMCA Foundation Board of Directors.

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Many friends of the YMCA of El Paso make gifts to the endowment fund because:

- They like knowing their gift will be preserved. Only the interest earned on the principal of their gift will be used for future youth work.
- They want the YMCA to be strong and active to serve future generations of young people.
- They want to help the YMCA remain independent.
- They want to help the YMCA to be able to offer new programs to meet emerging needs.
- They want to be sure their annual support is continued in perpetuity.
- They want their largest “gift” to be made to a local charitable organization from the El Paso area, rather than to the federal government.
- Their gifts may help to meet one of a variety of family or personal estate planning objectives.