

# Leave Your Legacy



HILLCREST  
transitional housing

“a hand up,  
not a  
hand out.”



## Planned Giving at Hillcrest

With your planned gift, Hillcrest can continue to offer homeless families the disciplined educational programs within a caring, supportive environment. For more than 30 years, Hillcrest has been helping the homeless to become self-reliant, independent contributors to society.

# The Gift That Changes Lives



At Hillcrest, our mission is to be a transitional housing ministry providing a Christian environment that helps homeless families and youth become self-supporting, self-reliant contributors to society. Since 1976, Hillcrest has helped the Kansas City area meet the needs of homeless families, leading to 95% of Hillcrest graduates becoming self-reliant.

The average age of a homeless person in Missouri and Kansas is 7 years old. Hillcrest provides a unique solution to meet this need. Free housing in a furnished apartment is provided, along with weekly counseling sessions to develop problem solving skills. After 90 days, families “graduate” the program and are provided continued counseling for 5 years.



With your planned gift, Hillcrest can continue to expand its reach. We are currently in the process of constructing a new building to house offices and apartment units. Additionally, the Hillcrest Lee’s Summit Thrift Store will require expansion to continue to serve the Lee’s Summit area. The issue of homelessness is not quickly fixed, and your planned gift to Hillcrest can ensure long-term solutions are developed to assist each individual family.

“I love Hillcrest because what it does is empower families who are dealing with the homelessness issue. It deals with the various problems of homeless in Eastern Jackson County and it assists these family in attaining self sufficiency. At the end of this program, they are now able to become productive members of our society. When you change the lives of these moms... then you change the lives of those kids forever.”

-Fern Treschke-Stuart, Apartment Liaison for Woods Chapel United Methodist Church since 2002

# Planning Your Gift

**1**

**Gifts from a Will/Trust:** This is a simple et effective way to commit to a donation that will not affect your finances in your lifetime. It's also easy to reverse if your situation changes.

**2**

**Beneficiary Designation:** Hillcrest can be named as the beneficiary in your retirement plan, annuity, or financial account. Again, this is a decision that can easily be changed in your lifetime.

**3**

**Life Estate:** This option has the benefit of an income tax deduction. By transferring your home, you retain the right to live and utilize it during your lifetime.

**4**

**Life Insurance:** You can name Hillcrest the beneficiary of your policy. Or, you can donate a policy you feel is unneeded or unused, and take a tax deduction.

**5**

**Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT):** This trust uses your transferred cash or property to make payments during your lifetime, passing the remainder to Hillcrest.

## Contact Us

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Thank you for making the work we do possible!

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