



Moving forward together



It takes all of us to move Longyear's work forward. Your support is vital! For nearly a century, Longyear has benefited from the commitment of members and friends who have cared deeply about its mission — and we couldn't be more grateful.

At least fifty percent of our operating budget comes from donations and gifts, monies which cover day-to-day operating costs; help the Museum continue its outreach activities and educational programs, publications, and tours; fund maintenance and care of the historic houses; and underwrite thorough research on a variety of topics designed to reach a widening, receptive audience.

Additional funds are also needed for capital projects each year, including the planned restoration at 400 Beacon Street.

There are many opportunities for members and friends to help sustain Longyear, including:

- Providing gifts of cash or securities as outright gifts or through planned giving arrangements;
- Establishing or adding to Longyear's endowments to help build our financial base for the future;
- Contributing original books, documents, letters, photographs, and artifacts to the collection.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Annual Financial Support

Longyear's annual income comes from membership dues, earnings from our endowment and investments, and contributions from individuals — the latter being the largest portion.

Broad-based, consistent financial support is vital. Your commitment to help support Longyear each year with a gift of any amount, beyond member dues, is key. With your help we can:

- meet the growing demand for our programs, publications, and tours;
- meet the increasing costs of operating the Museum;
- continue to maintain the eight Mary Baker Eddy Historic Houses;
- retain and properly compensate our dedicated staff of Christian Scientists.

Major Sustaining Gifts

Sustaining gifts provide essential unrestricted support or designated support. They provide a substantive financial foundation, and sustain our strength, stability, and quality as an organization. A sustaining gift is a pledge to make a gift for several successive years.

Some members and friends have found great fulfillment in designating contributions to support specific needs, such as youth programs, historic house maintenance and restoration, computer equipment, or exhibit enhancements.

Please contact the Office of Development to learn more about major sustaining gifts.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Corporate matching gifts are donations an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. Guidelines and amounts vary with each company. You can get more information about your company's matching gift benefits from your human resources department.

PLANNED GIFTS

The Mary Beecher Longyear Legacy Society

Mary Beecher Longyear Legacy Society members share Mrs. Longyear's vision to preserve the historical record of Mrs. Eddy's life for generations to come, and have included Longyear in their estate plans or through a planned gift.

Charitable Trusts

A charitable trust enables you to make a gift to Longyear while also providing an income stream for yourself or your beneficiaries. A trust can be created as either a **charitable lead trust** or a **charitable remainder trust**. A charitable lead trust provides Longyear with a stream of income for a stated period of time, at the end of which the property held in trust returns to you or your beneficiary. A charitable remainder trust provides you with a stream of income for a number of years or for life, with the remainder of the donated assets going to Longyear. A charitable trust can help with retirement and estate planning as well as tax management, and can be funded with gifts of cash, securities, or real estate.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and Longyear, in which Longyear agrees to pay a fixed income for life in exchange for a gift of cash or securities. In most cases, CGA payout rates have proved to be higher than rates on many other income-producing investments. You will gain a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, reducing your income tax obligation for the current tax year, and perhaps beyond.

Note: The minimum gift amount for a Longyear CGA is \$5,000.

To view CGA payout rates, please click [HERE](#).

Bequests

You may provide for Longyear's future stability by including the Museum in your Will or Living Trust. In either of these documents, Longyear may be designated as an outright beneficiary of a percentage of your estate, a stated dollar amount, or specifically named assets in your estate such as securities, real estate, or tangible personal property — historical documents, photographs, books, or artifacts.

There are different approaches to consider when structuring your bequest. Some of them include:

Specified bequest

With a specified bequest, you simply provide for your legacy to pass immediately to Longyear.

Residuary bequest

A residuary bequest will provide assets to Longyear only after all other specific bequests are satisfied, and if there are assets still remaining in your estate.

Existing Will or Living Trust

You may add a bequest provision to an existing Will with a simple codicil prepared by your attorney. Your attorney may also prepare an amendment to your existing Trust. You might find this language helpful in preparing your document:

And unto Longyear Foundation, a.k.a. Longyear Museum, a 501(c)(3) charity organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby give, devise and bequeath [insert a description of your legacy].

It is always best to structure your bequest free of conditions. This allows the Longyear Board of Trustees the greatest flexibility in using your legacy.

Retirement Plan Assets

An individual retirement plan may not be fully depleted during the lifetime of the individual. Naming Longyear Museum as the beneficiary of your current retirement plan can be an effective means of providing support for Longyear, and saving estate and income taxes on any remainder of this asset.

Whether you are making an outright gift or a planned gift, selecting the most tax-friendly asset(s) is an important consideration. Contributing cash, stock, bonds, real estate, personal property, a life insurance policy, or retirement plan assets may save you estate or income taxes, or both. Please consult with your professional advisor.



We're always happy to hear from you!

The Office of Development is always available to assist you and answer any questions

you might have. In addition to mailing a check or donating online, there are other convenient methods of contributing to Longyear. Call us to arrange a gift charged to a VISA or MasterCard; to establish a schedule of electronic payments from your bank account directly to ours; or to transfer securities to the Museum.

Contributions to Longyear are tax-deductible as provided for in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to Longyear are deductible for federal estate and income tax purposes as long as they meet all applicable sections of the Code.

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