Your Gift Would Support Operational Needs

One of our responsibilities is the care of the Hazelwood Historic House Museum. Built in 1837 and overlooking the Fox River, Hazelwood is one of the earliest homes in Brown County still standing on its original site.



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1964, Hazelwood has been owned and operated by BCHS since 1989. We proudly maintain this historic home without any government funding, relying entirely on the generosity of

Keep History Alive Beyond a Lifetime With Legacy Giving

BCHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that owns and operates the Hazelwood Historical House Museum and publishes Voyageur Magazine with ***no government funding***. Your legacy gift helps ensure these community resources endure for generations.

Creating a legacy gift can be simple!

What you should provide your financial planner or legal counsel for including the Brown County Historical Society in your Legacy Giving:

Brown County Historical Society
Federal Tax ID: 39-0884495
Legal Name: Brown County Historical Society
Address: 1008 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301

If you would like to talk about a legacy gift, please contact us at 920-437-1840 or Chris@browncohistoricalsoc.org.

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KEEP HISTORY ALIVE BEYOND A LIFETIME WITH LEGACY GIVING

Legacy Giving or Planned Giving refers to a range of ways to include BCHS in your financial and estate planning, so your generosity aligns with your goals now and in the future.

In your will or trust, you can make a gift to BCHS in many forms, including cash, stock, property, or real estate and be recognized on our Legacy Giving Circle plaque at the Hazelwood Historic House.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Starting at age 70 ½ you can choose to donate directly to BCHS from most IRAs, such as a traditional IRA, rollover IRA, or inherited IRA.

Contributions from other plans like a 401(k) or 403(b) do not qualify unless they are first rolled over to an IRA.

QCDs are not only a powerful incentive for charitable giving, but they also have tax benefits. QCDs count as IRA distributions, so they can be used to satisfy all or some of your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the calendar year.



Life Insurance Beneficiary

Life insurance policies can designate multiple beneficiaries, including BCHS. You can request a beneficiary designation form from your provider to include BCHS as a beneficiary.



Your Gift Would Support Our Mission Into the Future

For more than a century, the Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) has been dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Northeast Wisconsin.

Founded in 1899, BCHS has played a vital role in preserving, presenting, and sharing the heritage of Northeastern Wisconsin history through preservation activities, exhibitions, educational programs, and events.

Legacy Giving

Will you consider including the Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) in your will or estate plans?

A legacy giving or planned giving gift costs nothing today, yet it creates a lasting legacy that helps us preserve, present, and share the heritage of Northeastern Wisconsin through preservation activities, exhibitions, educational programs, and events.



You may choose to name BCHS in a trust or through beneficiary designations payable on death (POD)—for example, a percentage of certificates of deposit, pensions, annuities, life insurance, and similar investments. These gifts may offer tax benefits and flexibility while helping protect the future of Northeastern Wisconsin history.

We encourage you to consult your financial planner or legal counsel to determine what is best for you.