



Board of Directors

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All board meetings will be posted on the web site: www.plannedgivingcouncil.org. All members are welcome to attend these board meetings.



LEAVE A LEGACY®

Memorial Day is a day we remember those who have gone on before us. As a nation we remember soldiers who have bravely defended our country. As individuals, we remember our family members and friends who have fought the good fight. As estate planning professionals we remember those who have left bequests to continue their legacy for future generations. Whether you were involved in the preparation, execution or were on the receiving end of a planned gift, you remember the passion involved of the person making the gift. His or her reasons for LEAVING a LEGACY® will forever be implanted in your memory.

The Planned Giving Council of the Four States has purchased a full-paged LEAVE A LEGACY® ad to be included in the Sunday, May 25, 2008 edition of the Joplin Globe estate planning tab. The ad will feature a soccer coach who has left funds in his estate to send kids to soccer camp. We will also distribute PSA's to be run on local TV stations in concurrence with the tab insert. Radio spots have also been purchased to run on KRPS public radio.

As a member of the Planned Giving Council of the Four States, please help us promote LEAVE A LEGACY® during the month of May. CD's are available for you to use with the LEAVE A LEGACY® logo and other promotional materials. Contact David Dillon at 625-2044 if you would like to borrow a LEAVE A LEGACY® CD.

Membership Minutes

Welcome to our newest members, Becky Brill, Charles Cunningham, Amanda Schmelzer, and Robert Smith. Becky is currently the Grants Coordinator for the City of Joplin. Charles is retired from the Salvation Army and served as Captain here in Joplin prior to retirement. Currently he is continuing his education and is a management consultant in philanthropy. Amanda is an attorney who practices law and is currently the Planned Giving Director at the Freeman Foundation. Robert Smith is the National Field Supervisor for the American Bible Society and works out of the Springfield area.

June 1, 2008 will mark the beginning of a new year for our board of directors. Newly elected President is Lora Phelps. John Wagner will begin serving as Vice President. David Dillon and Tracy Gipson will continue serving as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Those beginning a new 3 year term are: Doug Crandall, Melissa Eiken, Lora Phelps and John Tiede. Those with two terms left are: David Dillon, Chris Dumm, Tracy Gipson and Sandie Morgan. Jim Hardy, Ron Ross, Lori Smith and John Wagner have one year remaining on their terms.

Board openings occur occasionally. If you would be willing to serve on our board, please contact Lora Phelps at 417-358-7610.

Planned Giving Council of the Four States Announces

The Planned Giving Council of the Four States and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Alliance are pleased to present "Preserving Lifestyle and Legacy: The Basics of Planned Giving". The program will be held Thursday, June 12th from 11:30-1:00 in the basement auditorium of Empire District Electric Company, located at 602 Joplin Street in Joplin, Missouri. Dan Stengel, CPA will present the program, which will focus on the various gift-giving vehicles available when making a charitable gift as part of your estate plans.

The program will follow an estate planning tab that will be published in The Joplin Globe on Sunday, May 25, 2008. The Southwest Missouri Estate Planning Council will be responsible for writing articles pertaining to estate planning. This is the second year that the Planned Giving Council of the Four States has teamed up with the Southwest Missouri Estate Planning Council to make this tab insert a reality. The goal is to make the insert an estate planning tool that the general public can use to answer questions they might have about making estate plans.

Announcements about the seminar will appear in the Memorial Day tab insert as well as the 50+ Magazine and the May Chamber newsletter. This program is open to the public and area professionals interested in information regarding planned gifts and bequests. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Ginger Lamar at The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce at (417) 624-4150.

We encourage all Planned Giving Council of the Four States members to attend this very informative program.