

## The 1916 Society

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Individuals who name The Rhode Island Foundation in their estate plan or establish a deferred gift are members of our legacy society, *The 1916 Society*. *The 1916 Society* is one special way we acknowledge your partnership with the Foundation and honor your thoughtful gift planning.

As different as our 1916 Society members are from one another, they all have one thing in common: They want to create their own personal legacy to benefit charitable organizations, and they have asked the Foundation to partner with them in their good work. Some are carrying forth a tradition of giving established by previous generations; others, new to philanthropy, have just begun shaping their giving philosophy.

“One of the reasons The Rhode Island Foundation is so important is because it’s a place where people can find causes that match their passions; they can be part of a philanthropy network,” says John W. Wall, a member of *The 1916 Society* and former Foundation director.

### Designing Your Legacy

The goal of The Rhode Island Foundation is to help you maximize the benefits of philanthropy when making your financial and estate planning decisions. Perhaps naming the Foundation in your will or trust, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, is right for you. Or maybe you should consider deferred gift options such as a charitable remainder trust or gift annuity. Both of these arrangements can pay you and/or a loved one income for life, and then establish a named endowed fund after your death.

### 1916 Society Membership

As a member your benefits will include:

- A special relationship with the Foundation during your lifetime. We will serve as a trustworthy and responsive resource, available to discuss your charitable goals or revise them at some future time. We gain the greatest satisfaction from serving our donors in a non-intrusive and respectful manner. In fact, a meeting with us is confidential and never obligates you in any way.
- Recognition in our Annual Report and other publications, on our website, and on the Foundation’s Wall of Honor unless you prefer to remain anonymous.
- Invitations to special events and briefings.

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- Access to the Foundation's grantmaking expertise.
- A confidential documentation of your personal story, your connections to Rhode Island and your charitable interests.

### Comments from our Members

"The Foundation is the perfect place to create a permanent legacy. It stands for permanence and it has longstanding networks across the state. I feel good knowing that the Foundation will address my charitable goals in perpetuity."

"This community has given us so much. I think that those of us who can give something back should. We should try to leave the world a better place than we found it."

"We've always supported several charities and are so pleased that our support will continue after we're gone."

### To Become a Member

If you are interested in creating a philanthropic legacy through a bequest or deferred gift, contact the Development Office at (401) 274-4564. If you have already included the Foundation in your estate plan, please inform us so we may activate your 1916 Society membership.