Thank you for taking the time to learn about providing for Latham Centers, Inc. in your estate plans. Planned gifts help further the mission of Latham Centers to compassionately and creatively help children and adults with complex special needs, including Prader-Willi Syndrome, to lead meaningful, abundant lives. Your gifts will help build Latham’s endowment fund now and into the future, while ensuring the growth and reach of our renowned treatment programs. Your commitment and foresight will truly make a difference!

Latham Legacy Circle Membership

The Latham Legacy Circle was founded to communicate with individuals considering Latham Centers, Inc. in their planned giving and/or bequest documents. We are here on behalf of our students and adults in need, to work with benefactors and their financial and legal advisors to integrate and maximize giving options that best meet individual circumstances, goals, and giving capabilities. Your will, retirement plan, life insurance or another estate planning tool may include charitable dispositions that could also reduce your tax bill while maximizing your charitable giving.

If you have already planned a bequest to Latham Centers, you will become a Latham Legacy Circle member simply by informing us of your plans. Members can opt to remain anonymous or be recognized in Latham publications to encourage others to join this special group of philanthropists. Members are also invited to special events on a regular basis in appreciation of common interests and concerns.

More About Latham Centers

Latham Centers offers highly-regarded, progressive treatment in a tranquil and beautiful setting on Cape Cod. When you walk around the campus or visit our homes and meet those living and working here, you find an atmosphere where people know and care for one another. Latham is an intimate place.

Within this comfortable setting, we have brought together a highly skilled professional team of experts, including physicians, social workers, special education teachers, physical therapists, clinical psychologists, and residential and vocational counselors. This energetic and devoted team works together with each Latham resident and their families to develop the right approach and best services for that person. We evaluate each person’s progress continually and adjust our programs and services to meet his or her changing needs.

With dwindling state funds and rising program service costs over the last decade, Latham Centers must look to private sources to maintain and improve its facilities while attracting the most talented staff possible to serve our students and adults with highly specialized needs. Private donors are significant partners in advancing new programs and capital improvements, and building world-class treatment and education for all in need. Individuals with a shared vision who recognize this dynamic will provide invaluable resources that advance our overall mission for generations to come while elevating the long-term quality and breadth of our internationally-recognized programs.
Gifts Under Your Will or Trust

Each year, generous and passionate supporters designate a portion of their assets via a bequest in their wills or directions in their charitable trusts to Latham Centers. Such gifts enable individuals to make significant gifts that they may not have been able to make during their lifetime. Charitable bequests or directions can take various forms:

- A general bequest directs that Latham Centers would receive a specific dollar amount. Sample: “I give to Latham Centers, Inc. the sum of $_________ to be used for general purposes of said charity.”

- A specific bequest or direction can instruct that Latham Centers receive a specific piece of your property. Sample: “I give to Latham Centers, Inc. all of my shares in ___________ to be used for the general purposes of said charity.”

- A residual bequest designates that all or a portion of whatever remains after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid. Sample: “I give to Latham Centers, Inc. ___% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be used for the general purposes of said charity.”

While all of the above examples provide for unrestricted support, any of them may also be designated as a restricted bequest for a specific purpose.

Through the years, many individuals have found planned gifts to be excellent vehicles for benefiting their favorite charitable organizations. In addition to personal satisfaction, such gifts offer major planning opportunities to minimize federal and state taxes, while increasing the possibilities for effective distribution of assets.

Other Ways to Give Beyond a Bequest in Your Will or Trust

Tax-deductible gifts can be pledged over multiple years in a variety of ways, including:

- Gifts of Cash
  Cash contributions are eligible for an income tax deduction up to 50% of your adjusted gross income.

- Gifts of Stock
  With a gift of appreciated securities you can often avoid paying capital gains tax while receiving an income tax charitable deduction.

- Gifts of Life Insurance and Retirement Benefits
  By naming Latham Centers as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, the distributions to us will not be subject to income taxes.

- Memorial Giving
  A memorial gift is given in memory of a departed family member or friend and can take a variety of forms depending upon your wishes.

- Gifts of Real Estate
  These gifts may provide significant benefits for the donor as well as for Latham Centers. Depending on the type of gift, a donor may enjoy tax savings, lifetime payments and freedom from carrying costs, once the real estate is sold.

- Charitable Trusts
  A charitable remainder trust allows for a future charitable gift by transferring an appreciated asset over to a trust. The income stream you receive can be set up as a fixed amount annually or a fixed percentage. At the end of the trust term, the remaining trust assets are distributed to Latham Centers.

While we have highlighted a variety of gift-planning options for Latham Centers, we encourage you to consult an advisor to review your full estate as changes to the law are constant. We will be delighted to work with you and/or your advisors in establishing a bequest or planned gift that best suits your needs and objectives now and into the future. Thank you!