

## LEAVE A LEGACY Break the Cycle

Joining Grace Smith House's New Beginnings Legacy Society is a simple process. Your generosity will help us continue our mission of empowering survivors by providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling. You will also contribute to our prevention education program, assisting children and teenagers throughout Dutchess County. You will open a door for countless families to a life free from violence.

Legacy gifts and charitable bequests to Grace Smith House allow you to control the distribution of your estate assets, as well as reduce estate taxes. Speak with your family and financial advisor about planned giving, and help survivors of abuse begin again.

- **One in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience intimate partner abuse in their lifetime.**
- **One in 3 teenagers will be in an unhealthy relationship.**
- **You can help break the cycle.**



### GRACE SMITH HOUSE, INC.

1 Brookside Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
[www.gracesmithhouse.org](http://www.gracesmithhouse.org)

Established in 1981, Grace Smith House is a private not-for-profit domestic violence agency, which provides both residential and non-residential services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

The mission of Grace Smith House, Inc. is to enable individuals and families to live free from domestic violence by:

- Providing shelter and apartments, advocacy, counseling and education
- Raising the consciousness of the community regarding the extent, type and seriousness of domestic violence
- Initiating and taking positions on public policies in order to provide options which empower victims of domestic violence
- Grace Smith House accepts all requests for help, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation.



*The programs provided by this agency are partially funded by monies received from the County of Dutchess and United Way.*

**CALL 845-471-3033. WE CAN HELP.**

## NEW BEGINNINGS LEGACY SOCIETY GRACE SMITH HOUSE



**OPEN A DOOR  
TO A NEW LIFE  
FREE FROM  
VIOLENCE**

## EULIE ANDERSON 1944 - 2016

A life-long supporter for women's rights and survivors of domestic violence, Eulie generously contributed a significant portion of her estate to Grace Smith House after her passing in 2016. This gift directly benefitted survivors in many of our programs.



### WAYS TO GIVE

#### A Bequest In A Will

The easiest and most common way of making a planned gift is through a bequest in your will. You can designate a specific amount of money, percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

#### Life Income Gifts

Gifts such as charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, or a pooled income fund can be bequeathed to Grace Smith House. Life income gifts generally reduce or eliminate certain taxes.

#### Life Insurance

Life Insurance can be utilized to make a sizeable gift to Grace Smith House, by listing our agency as a beneficiary of the policy.

#### A Real Estate Gift

Consider donating real estate. One way to do that is to create a Retained Life Estate, which allows you to give your personal residence to GSH and still maintain lifetime use of the home or property.

### LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We are honored to recognize members of our Legacy Society. You can become a member simply by notifying us that you are including Grace Smith House in your planned giving or as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

#### Members of our Legacy Society are:

- invited to and are recognized at all our events
- receive a special letter of acknowledgement and certificate
- recognized on our website and in our annual reports
- invited to attend our New Beginnings annual celebration.

We honor all requests for donors and gifts to remain anonymous.

### ESTATE PLANNING

Grace Smith House recommends that, for estate-planning purposes, members consider the following language for use in their wills:

*"To Grace Smith House, a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization in the state of New York, having as its principal address 1 Brookside Avenue in Poughkeepsie, and tax identification number EIN: 14-1622657, I hereby give and bequeath [describe gift] to be used as determined by Grace Smith House for its general purposes."*

In order to help Grace Smith House avoid future administrative costs, we suggest that the following paragraph be added to any restrictions imposed on a bequest:

*"If at some future time, in the judgment of the board of directors of Grace Smith House, it is no longer practical to use the income and /or principal of this bequest for the purposes intended, Grace Smith House may use the income and /or principal for whatever purposes it deems necessary that is most closely in accord with the intent described herein."*

Contact Grace Smith House  
845-452-7155  
donations@gracesmithhouse.org

**THANK YOU!**  
Your gift will change lives.