

The Tree of Life Society was created to recognize people who have benefited the Foundation for Mental Health ('Foundation') through a current estate planning gift or transfer to or for the benefit of the Foundation for Mental Health, and who have thoughtfully informed the Foundation that they have put into place a future bequest or other estate planning gift to benefit the Foundation, or who make a current gift of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation.

The Foundation for Mental Health is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and resources to the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama.

Since 1985 the Foundation for Mental Health has worked diligently to support services provided by the Mental Health Center for the residents of Lawrence, Limestone, and Morgan counties, Alabama. Through fundraising events, grant writing and other activities the Foundation has been able to support services provided by the Mental Health Center such as: permanent and transitional housing, vehicles for client transportation, psychiatric services, individual, family and group counseling and other services. Thousands of children and adults in our community have directly benefited from the Foundation's efforts.



Our vision is to make available the resources necessary to provide exceptional mental health services to all who need them.

Our mission is to invest the community in the success of the Foundation for Mental Health through education, volunteerism and financial gifts.

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Importance

Your decision to become a member of The Tree of Life Society is important for two reasons:

- The financial support you provide will insure that the Foundation will continue its mission of investing the community in the success of the Foundation through education, volunteerism and financial gifts.
- By being recognized as a member you will encourage others to join in supporting the Foundation through a current gift or future bequest or estate planning transfer.

Benefits

As a way of expressing appreciation to members of The Tree of Life Society there are several benefits which members will receive.

THESE BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A specially designed and personalized Foundation for Mental Health memento for home or office.
- Invitations to special events.
- Invitation to an annual recognition event.
- Acknowledgement on The Tree of Life Wall.
- Acknowledgment in the quarterly Foundation newsletter.
- Of course, if a member of The Tree of Life Society wishes to remain anonymous that request will be honored.



Contact

Please direct your inquiries or information about your estate plans for the Foundation to:
256-260-7324

How to Qualify

To be recognized as a member of The Tree of Life Society you or your attorney simply need to inform the Foundation in writing that you have made a current gift or transfer to the Foundation for their benefit, or have put into place a future bequest or other estate planning transfer for the benefit of the Foundation.

Other estate planning transfers may include the creation of a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity with the Foundation as beneficiary, or perhaps designating the Foundation under a beneficiary designation for a life insurance policy or a retirement plan such as an IRA or 401(K) account.

A BEQUEST OR OTHER ESTATE PLAN GIFT CAN BE STRUCTURED IN THREE WAYS:

- 1) on an **UNRESTRICTED BASIS** to be used by the Foundation wherever the need is presently greatest;
- 2) on a **RESTRICTED BASIS** for a particular use by the Foundation as specified by the donor; or,
- 3) to create a permanent **ENDOWMENT FUND** which can be used by the Foundation for unrestricted or restricted purposes.

While the Foundation remains grateful for current gifts, future bequests and estate planning transfers, it is recommended that for gifts or transfers with restrictions, you or your attorney consult Foundation development staff in advance to assure that the particular restrictions are in keeping with the long term needs of the Foundation and that it is worded in a manner that it can be honored over time.

The Tree Of Life Society

I am pleased to accept membership in The Tree of Life Society

I have made a gift through

my will

living trust

financial gift

Please comment if desired _____

I would like my name to appear in Society membership records as follows: (Please include spouse, if you wish)

Name _____

Signature _____

I would prefer to remain anonymous Yes