

Legacy Society

Planned Giving Opportunities

Together, We Can Create A Path Forward for Mental Health

There's an opportunity to, at the very least, change the trajectory of the mental health crisis. By learning to identify and treat anxiety and depression early on, society can better cope with the challenges. Much depends on improved access, training and resources across the health care system as a whole, but it's also incumbent on individuals to seek the help they need. The path forward begins with the smallest of steps.

Steven Hollon, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Psychology

The growing prevalence of serious mental illness is a national crisis with devastating ripple effects for communities. Mental health challenges interrupt healthy relationships, decrease positive work and school engagement, increase risk for chronic disease, and lead to financial instability. An investment in mental health resources is a commitment to building healthy community for all.

The words above from Steve Hollon are a charge – forthright and hopeful – for us to affect positive change for mental health, beginning with the smallest of steps. Each day, the Pastoral Institute strives to be a safe place where our neighbors can take that first small step to tell their story, share their experiences, and be heard without fear of judgement. Individuals and families are able to gain skills, become stronger, and thrive in healing and wholeness as our counselors come alongside them in their journey.

We hope you will consider becoming a part of our legacy of love with your planned gift. Your legacy gift will help us plan for the future as we work to give hope, create access, and inspire excellence for mental health and wellbeing in our community.



We offer the following opportunities to designate your gift in a way that is personally meaningful to you and your loved ones.



Helping Other People Endure

Our donor-supported Helping Other People Endure (H.O.P.E.) Fund enables cost-burdened members of our community to receive counseling & wellness services. Through H.O.P.E., our counselors are able to provide free or reduced-fee individual counseling & psychoeducation groups to our community while also creating partnerships with non-profits seeking to enhance their programs through mental health direct service collaborations.





Clinical Training

Investing in the Institute as a center of learning creates access to critically needed mental health providers in the state of Georgia. The PI equips new & upcoming therapists through robust, multifaceted experiential training, helping to remove logistic & financial barriers that often prevent graduates from attaining licensure.

PI Partner

Designating as a PI Partner allows our organization to invest in our most critical needs as we provide programs for our community that create access & excellence in mental health services.



Ready to Become a Member of the Pastoral Institute Legacy Society?

To include a bequest to the Pastoral Institute in your will or living trust, or to designate a beneficiary of an IRA or other financial account, simply provide your advisor or financial account administrator with the following:

"I hereby give (percentage, residuary, share, or specific amount or asset) to the Pastoral Institute, Inc., 2022 Fifteenth Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901."

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Have questions or need more information?

Please call our Director of Advancement Mary Johnson, at 706–649–6507 ext. 1210 or email mjohnson@pastoralinstitute.org





A Safe Place To Tell Your Story

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