Planning Your Legacy

What good work can I do?
You can support the Strategy to Accelerate Research (STAR) program, enrich educational programs, sponsor a Camp Footprint camper or tell us what is important to you.

When should I include the gift in my estate plan?
Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plan, you will want to consider charitable gifts. Your financial or legal advisor can provide guidance related to your personal estate, beneficiaries, income goals, taxes, and other considerations. In addition, you may find it simpler to designate the CMTA as a beneficiary to your 401 (k), IRA or life insurance policy. When you notify us of your intentions, you automatically become a member of the Legacy Society.

Must I give a large portion of my estate to join the Legacy Society?
No. We value and appreciate all gifts and believe the best gift is the one that’s right for the donor. To be recognized as a Legacy Society member you only need to indicate that you have included the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association as part of your estate plan.

How do I plan a legacy gift?
Call your estate advisors, talk to us, or consult with both. We provide confidential philanthropic services to prospective donors and their advisors, without pressure or obligation. Making a legacy gift is easy:

- Make a beneficiary designation or include the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association in your estate plan.
- Notify us of your intentions so we can invite you to be a member of our Legacy Society.
- Upon your death, we carry out your charitable intentions and handle all administrative tasks.

Why do people give to charity through their estate plans?
Planning an estate gift allows you to strategically accomplish both financial and charitable objectives. For some people, a large charitable gift during their lifetime can be financially uncomfortable since they may be uncertain about their health, wealth, and personal commitments. An estate gift may make more sense. You can still fulfill your personal goals of preserving your family name, honoring loved ones, providing for heirs, minimizing tax burdens and supporting the community you call home.