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Unrestricted Gift will meet Evolving Needs

LEGACY DONORS

Loraine Smith wants her legacy donation to be available for a relevant need when the time comes for its use.

The donation Smith placed with the Tipp City Foundation is designated as unrestricted with its use to be decided at the time of her death.

"With my love of technology and knowing how it is constantly changing, I didn't want to handcuff the donation for something that may no longer be relevant," Smith said. "I just want my donation to be totally applicable and needed at the time and I'm hoping this way it can support whatever area that happens to be."

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Smith said her motivation for trusting her legacy fund to the Tipp City Foundation stemmed from her positive experiences in the community for more than a half century.

She has been a Tipp City resident for 54 years. Her three children – Jill, Wendy and Adam – attended the Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, where she said they received quality education

and a great core of friends. "Two went on to receive master's degrees, and one a doctorate. Tipp was such a great place to raise a family," she said.

Her husband, the late Chuck Smith, was born and raised in Tipp City. He returned to Tipp City in 1970 and opened his dental practice following three years in the Navy. His father operated a pharmacy on Main Street for more than 35 years and his grandfather was superintendent of Tipp City Schools. Chuck Smith practiced for 48 years. Loraine Smith took care of all business finances including setting up the office's first computer in 1983.

Following retirement with the sale of the business in 2018, Loraine Smith became more involved with her local quilt guild, where she has been webmaster for three years and developed a digital directory of members. She also is serving as the treasurer of her all-volunteer Homeowners Association.

"I spend much of my time on my absolute passion of quilting," she said. Since moving to her new home from a previous house of 50 years in 2020, she has all of her quilting and sewing equipment and fabrics in one room on the first floor. This includes a 12-foot-long arm quilting machine.

In addition to many charity quilts that I gift annually, my main focus is connecting with so many friends and associates I have not had contact with for a while," she said. "Presenting them with a special quilt brings me so much joy as I think about that person while I'm making a one-of-a-kind quilt for them with fun, bright batiks."

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