

The Kurt Mathiasson Heritage Society

Leave a Legacy at the Swedish American Museum

For over 30 years, the Swedish American Museum has helped preserve Swedish immigration heritage and provided educational and cultural opportunities for many thousands of children and adults. You can be a part of ensuring this important mission for future generations by making a bequest to the Museum in your will, trust, or other estate plans.

Estate gifts support the Museum's endowment, which is the most valuable funding the Museum can receive. Endowments keep giving, year after year; they also keep growing, since only a portion of the income they generate is used annually. By making this important decision, you will be leaving a lasting legacy and you will also be recognized as a member of the Kurt Mathiasson Heritage Society.

About the Kurt Mathiasson Heritage Society

The Swedish American Museum established the Kurt Mathiasson Heritage Society to recognize donors who have remembered the Museum through various planned giving options. Kurt Mathiasson and his wife, Solveig, were immigrants from Sweden who saw a need to preserve the rich legacy of Swedish Americans in Chicago. Kurt helped found the Museum in 1976 and was instrumental in raising the early funding. His efforts were recognized later that year when King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden inaugurated the Museum.

We continue to honor Kurt Mathiasson through the society bearing his name; and invite you to join a group of dedicated individuals who are securing the Swedish American Museum's future.

Making a Bequest to the Swedish American Museum

1. A bequest may be made when preparing your will or trust or adding a codicil to your present will.
 1. Bequests may be of cash, securities, real estate, or other property.
 2. Bequests of all sizes are welcome, whether they are outright, contingent, or residual.
2. Or, it can simply be made by listing the Swedish American Museum as a beneficiary of a bank account, IRA account, life insurance policy, company retirement plan, pension, annuity, or other instrument that allows you to designate funds to a beneficiary.
3. Legal designation for a will or trust:
 1. Specific Bequest: "I give the Swedish American Museum, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of \$ _____ to be used for the general support of the Swedish American Museum.
 2. Residual Bequest: "I give the Swedish American Museum, Chicago, Illinois, _____ percent of the residue of my estate to be used for the general support of the Swedish American Museum.
4. Tax Identification Number: 36-3107115

We encourage you to contact your attorney or other financial advisor for recommendations regarding your particular situation. We then invite you to call Karin Moen Abercrombie, Museum executive director, [773.728.8111](tel:773.728.8111), ext. 29. Your inquiry will be kept in the strictest of confidence.