

Great Futures

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Great Futures Society is an association of friends of Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland that seeks to ensure that the future needs of Cleveland's youth are met by including Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland in their estate plans.

How can I join?

Joining the Great Futures Society is easy. Simply communicate your intention by signing and returning the confidential Enrollment Form. The form can be found on the Great Futures Society page at www.clevelandkids.org.

Why it matters?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland provides safe places for children, ages 6 to 18, to learn and grow, to develop ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, to engage in life-enhancing programs and to create a culture of hope and opportunity.

Your support through a planned gift will ensure that future generations of our children will have the opportunity to live successful lives in a safe, positive and caring environment.

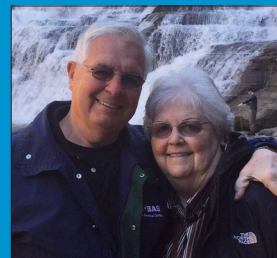
Where can I learn more?

To learn more, request additional information by mail or to have a planned giving representative contact you, please visit the Great Futures Society page at www.clevelandkids.org.



Couple's legacy will include caring for kids who need us most

A question from a fellow airline passenger 20 years ago changed Mike Shydowski's life.



"What are you doing," the man asked, "to give back to the community?" Shydowski, a chemical company executive, paused, said to himself, "Right now, not much." The passenger turned out to be a Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland executive who invited Shydowski to tour a Club.

He took the tour and was hooked. Shydowski, now retired, and his wife Marsha became fierce advocates for the kids who need us most. They have pledged to help coming generations by being among the first to join Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland's Great Futures Society, a group of BGCC supporters who have included the Clubs in their wills and estate plans.

"This is important because we believe in Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland and want its good work to continue long after we are gone," Marsha says. "We want to be able to help even more kids."

Mike says, "Think about what you want to leave as a legacy. What if you can do something after you pass, that your resources can help kids years from now, beyond your time on earth?"

The Shydowskis have told their two children and three grandchildren they are including BGCC in their will. "We have been generous in helping our kids and grandkids, and they are well aware of it," Mike says. "We figure there may be people who may need the money even more. We're very comfortable with that."