Planned Giving Opportunities

1. **Gifts from a Will or Trust**
   This is a simple yet effective way to commit to a donation that will not affect your finances in your lifetime. It is also easy to reverse if your situation changes.

2. **Beneficiary Designation**
   Hillcrest can be named as the beneficiary in your retirement plan, annuity or financial account. Again, this is a decision that can easily be changed in your lifetime.

3. **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)**
   This trust uses your transferred cash or property to make payments during your lifetime, passing the remainder to Hillcrest.

4. **Long-Term Appreciated Securities**
   Your donation of stock, bonds or mutual funds to Hillcrest allows you to increase both your gift and your tax deduction.

5. **IRA Qualified Required Distribution**
   Satisfy your IRA required minimum distribution for the year with a gift to Hillcrest. This reduces your taxable income while furthering the mission of Hillcrest.

Discuss these and other options with your personal financial advisor.

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For more information on making Hillcrest Transitional Housing part of your planned giving, contact

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Getting Started

- Determine the people and charities you wish to support and the property you expect to have available.
- Consult with an attorney who regularly prepares wills and trusts.
- Contact Hillcrest to discuss your gift options and desires.
- Once your plans are in place, let us know so we can acknowledge and thank you for your intended gift.

One sentence in your will or trust has the power to combat homelessness for many years to come. Your attorney can use the following language to create a bequest for Hillcrest:

“I give $_________ (or “___% of my estate”, or “the residual of my estate” or “the following described property”) to Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica, Inc., P.O. Box 901924, Kansas City, MO 64190, for its general purposes.”

Legal Name: Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica, Inc.
Tax ID #20-3093292

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For more than 40 years, Hillcrest has been helping the homeless to become self-reliant, independent contributors of society. Your planned gift will help ensure that Hillcrest can continue to offer homeless families an opportunity to change their lives for the better.

I love Hillcrest because it empowers families dealing with homelessness. It assists these families in attaining self-sufficiency. At the end of the program, they become productive members of our society. When you change the lives of these adults, you change the lives of their kids forever.

- Fern Treschke-Stuart, Apartment Liaison for Woods Chapel United Methodist Church

Our program is effective at helping individuals, youth and families become self-reliant in 90 days.

Our sites celebrate up to an 83% program graduation rate.

We currently serve 650 adults & youth each year.

In a single year, clients pay off or reduce debt by $175,000.

What We Do
Our transitional housing program offers homeless families, individuals and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment. In exchange for rent- and utility-free housing, adults are required by written agreement to maintain full-time employment, follow program guidelines and attend weekly volunteer-taught classes in life skills, employment, community living and budgeting.

Our Rapid Re-Housing program provides case management, budgeting and financial counseling, and financial assistance to move homeless clients into rental housing.

With the help of a network of community partners, Hillcrest may also provide clients with car repairs/donation, food, medical assistance, dental work, GED classes, haircuts, glasses, school clothes, work uniforms, and more.

Why It Works
Unlike many organizations whose focus is one-time or emergency care, Hillcrest’s primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This is accomplished by moving clients into housing of their own choosing - where they are no longer receiving welfare dollars and are maintaining full-time employment. Our residents are held accountable through a weekly evaluation system and are subject to an “all needs/no wants” approach to budgeting.

The Hillcrest Transitional Housing program is the most successful program of its kind in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. We have been recognized for best practices by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

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