After 16 years of owning a condo in Griffith, Indiana, Frank and Brenda Rizzo were ready to sell. Brenda, a retired teacher, and Frank, a financial planner, had used the condo as a home for six years and a rental property for ten.

The Rizzos considered how they could free themselves of the condo and meet their charitable goals of helping people in poverty. With knowledge of Legacy Foundation’s ability to accept complex gifts, the couple approached us with the idea to donate the property as a gift of real estate. While cash donations are among the most common gifts made to charity, a gift of property can provide donors with added tax benefits.

“Legacy Foundation made the donation easy for us.”

Frank and Brenda signed a simple deed transferring ownership of the property to our organization and were able to receive a charitable deduction and tax savings. They used the gift to establish a donor advised fund that would allow them to direct grants to the charitable agencies of their choosing.

“All of us need help at some point of our life. Giving a helping hand, helps us to realize that ‘we’ are all in this together. The rewards of helping others gives us a bigger heart.”

The benefits of a donor advised fund makes them one of the fastest growing charitable vehicles in the field of philanthropy. They offer flexibility (you can support a variety charities); they help donors simplify charitable giving (you can support multiple charities over a number of years from a single fund); and donors retain the ability to advise where the funds are distributed.

To learn more about making a gift of property or other non-cash assets, contact me at (219) 736-1880 or csaxton@legacyfdn.org. At Legacy Foundation we work with you and your advisors to make giving easy and strategic.

Yours in philanthropy,

Carolyn Saxton,
President & CEO
Organizations Partner to Honor a Beloved Board Member

Legacy Foundation partners with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana and Horizon Bank on the establishment of the Rob Gardiner Legacy Fund for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. The fund will be held at Legacy Foundation and provide annual income for the youth-serving organization.

“Rob Gardiner was a dedicated employee of Horizon Bank and served as a Board member for both the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana and Legacy Foundation. The fund established in his memory honors his commitment to all of our organizations and memorializes his legacy of giving back,” said Legacy Foundation President Carolyn Saxton.

Robert Gardiner passed away on February 27, 2019, shortly after his cancer diagnosis. In addition to serving on the boards of Legacy Foundation and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, Gardiner was an active member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

“Rob Gardiner was a long-time Board member for our Boys & Girls Clubs – and he made his volunteer work with our organization very much a family affair. Both he and his wife understood that children are the most precious assets of our communities. While we miss his earthly presence, his memory lives on in every single accomplishment achieved by our Club members. For this, we are eternally grateful,” stated Ryan Smiley, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana.

The partnership with Legacy Foundation is designed to provide the best advantages for long-term financial support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. Gifts endowed with Legacy Foundation are pooled to achieve maximum investment efficiency and return. They grow and benefit the community with guidance from experienced local leaders and expert investment managers.

For more information on the Rob Gardiner Legacy Fund for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, contact Carolyn Saxton at (219) 736-1880. You can also visit www.legacyfdn.org to learn more about how Legacy Foundation invests in Lake County, Indiana.
Legacy Foundation Launches Effort to Get Lake County Counted

Leading up to Census Day (April 1, 2020), Legacy Foundation announces support for organizations working to promote the Census in hard-to-count (HTC) communities.

Grants of up to $2,500 will support coordinated campaigns to increase participation in the 2020 Census in communities across Lake County, Indiana, that are at risk of being undercounted.

**Why is the Census so important?**
A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding schools, hospitals, lawmakers, business owners, fire departments and many other organizations that provide daily services that support you and your community. The data also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it’s used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Under current funding in Indiana, we would lose $1,600 of federal funds per person who is not counted, every year for the next 10 years.

**Apply for a 2020 Census Grant**
We invite proposals from 501(c)3 organizations, municipalities, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations. Activities may include, but are not limited to, public education, outreach, communications, special events, and mobilizing, specifically aimed at increasing the self-response rate to the Census in communities across Lake County, Indiana.

» Deadline for the application is 5:00pm CST on Friday, November 22, 2019
» Grantees will be notified by Friday, December 13, 2019

**GET MORE INFORMATION**
Apply for the grant at legacyfdn.org/census
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WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY LUNCHEON
GAMBA RISTORANTE
11:30am–1:00pm
Get your tickets at legacyfdn.org/events. Sponsored by

DEC 17
SAVE THE DATE
LEGACY’S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
LEGACY FOUNDATION
4:30pm–6:30pm
Register for events
legacyfdn.org/events or look for this icon on our website for more info: