



5 Steps to a Better Estate Plan

By planning your estate now, you create a legacy that reflects what makes you...you.

You can do this by creating a secure future for your loved ones and ensure your support for the places, people and causes close to your heart continues for years to come.

Discover five simple ways you can ensure that your estate plan reflects you.

- 1. Make the most of what you have.** Meet with qualified professionals to form a financial and giving plan that satisfies your needs and meets your goals.
- 2. Protect family and loved ones.** Keep loved ones safe by making sure your estate plan is up-to-date. It should be reviewed regularly for changes in personal relationships, tax laws, births, deaths and state of residence.
- 3. Be tax-smart.** Don't let taxes place a burden on your family, with careful planning now, you can get the most out of your estate plan.
- 4. Make sure your wishes are fulfilled.** Use the services of a qualified estate planning attorney to draw up your will and other legal documents, ensuring that your wishes are clearly stated so there are no misunderstandings.
- 5. Continue helping others after your lifetime.** Gifts to charitable organizations, such as the St. Louis Area Foodbank, in your future plans ensure your support for our work continues even after your lifetime.

Make the St. Louis Area Foodbank a Part of Your Plan

Want to learn more about including a gift to the St. Louis Area Foodbank in your future plans? Contact Derek May at dmay@stlfoodbank.org or 314-292-5398 to learn more.

To learn more about different legacy giving options, visit www.stlfoodbank.org/legacy.