#### **Be A Donor**

As the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown continues into its second century, we are asking **YOU** to be the source of stewardship for those women who follow by making a gift to the VIA. We encourage donations that may be made during your lifetime or as part of your estate. All gifts further the VIA's current work and support the efforts of future generations of VIA women.

Donations to the VIA may be eligible for tax deductions which could lower your income taxes. Estate gifts may also lower taxes for your heirs.

The VIA recognizes contributions in its Annual Giving Report in the fiscal year they are received. The VIA Legacy League was formed to honor



those individuals who include gifts to the organization through their estate plans. Please advise the VIA of your intent by completing a Donor Intention Form available on our website at:

www.via-doylestown.org

### **Suggested Language for a Will or Trust**

I give and bequeath to the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown, PA (Tax ID 23-2368200)

of the residue of my estate for its tax-exempt, charitable purposes.

#### **VIA Information**

Legal Name: Village Improvement

**Association of Doylestown** 

Tax ID: 23-2368200

Mailing President, VIA

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Doylestown, PA 18901

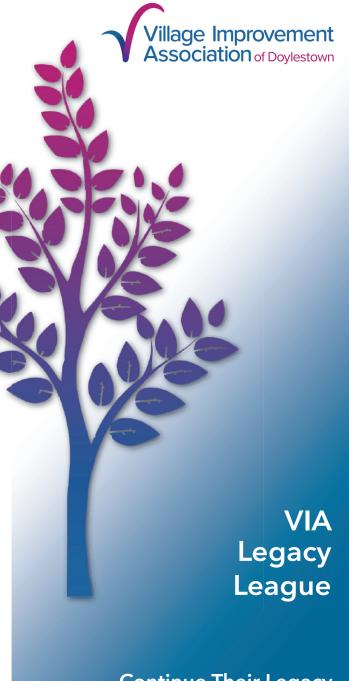
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– Create Yours

# **Continue Their Legacy**

In April 1895, a group of local women met to improve the health of their town. These women formed the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) and left an indelible mark on their community. Their legacy of civic mindedness, service and charity has endured and grown for more than 125 years.

Their vision, continued by generations of strong, resourceful VIA women, has championed the cause of community health and welfare.



In 1923 the VIA
established the first
Doylestown Hospital,
now Doylestown
Health System, which
they still govern

today. VIA women have supported residents in need, provided scholarships to women and teens, contributed to community projects and aided veterans causes. Since 1971, they have raised funds to support the VIA's mission by hosting the highly popular Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.

From their initial door-to-door funding campaign to the 1954 bequest of the James-Lorah Memorial Home by early member Sarah James, the VIA has been fortified by a legacy of financial support. Many generous contributors, both members and non-members alike, have provided

funds to assist the VIA's mission to Enhance the Health and Welfare of Central Bucks County and Surrounding Communities. We invite you to join our early founders, and the decades of remarkable women who followed, by willing to future generations a heritage of caring and excellence.

### **Create Your Own Legacy**

The following is a summary of some popular methods of giving for your consideration.

#### **Cash Gifts**

Gifts of cash can be easily made during your lifetime by writing a check to the VIA. Additionally, some employers offer a matching gift benefit which can add to your contribution.

# **Appreciated Stock**

Stock owned for at least a year, and with an appreciated value, can be transferred to the VIA.

This may confer an additional income tax benefit in that the capital gain on the shares is not taxed.



# **Retirement Plans**

Many individuals save for retirement using IRAs, 401(k)s and similar plans. You may designate the VIA as beneficiary of all or part of your remaining retirement plan at the time of your death. To enhance your lifetime giving, you may direct that all or a portion of the funds from a minimum

required distribution of your IRA be paid directly to the VIA. These strategies may result in a tax savings for you or your beneficiaries.

### **Life Insurance Policies**

Long held insurance policies may not be needed for their original purpose of protecting your family or business. You may name the VIA as the beneficiary on your insurance policy or transfer ownership of the policy to the VIA while you are living.

#### **Tribute and Memorial Gifts**

Your friends and family may honor you during your lifetime by making gifts to the VIA in your name for your birthday, anniversary, or a holiday. You may also request in your funeral planning that memorial gifts be made in your honor upon your death. By making such gifts, your loved ones may express their affection and respect, and acknowledge the significance of the VIA's mission to you.

### **Bequests in Wills and Trusts**

Remembering the VIA in your will is a powerful tool to perpetuate your legacy and join the generations of donors – past and present – who support the VIA's mission. In your Will or Trust you may specify an exact amount or a percentage of your net assets. Or, by use of a trust arrangement, you may take care of your spouse or other beneficiaries first, and then benefit the VIA with some or all of the later remaining assets.