

KEY POINTS

1. The Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society is a **membership** of those who have named the **Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF)** as a beneficiary or recipient of any type of planned or deferred gift.
2. **Joining the Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society is easy.** First, arrange for a planned gift to the Society. Second, inform the ECCF by submitting the enclosed membership form.
3. There is **absolutely no minimum required** to join the Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society ---- only a desire to make a difference in our community. If you so choose, your name will be listed as a member of our prestigious Society.
4. Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society members **may designate the use of their gift**, choosing from a variety of existing donor funds or they may leave the distribution to the discretion of the ECCF Board of Directors.
5. If desired, your Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society gift may be used to **establish a new fund**, named by you, the donor (provided \$5,000 minimum is met).
6. The ECCF recommends that you discuss **planned or deferred gift options with your family and with your professional advisor** (estate attorney, financial planners, etc.)
7. The ECCF does **not ask the amount of the donation.** We encourage donors to **discuss their wishes with the ECCF staff** so that we can make sure we can comply with your wishes regarding your gift.
8. There may be **specific tax advantages** to you, as the donor, that should be considered in planning your gift. Bequests under a will, are the most common form of gift to the ECCF. Some members choose to make the Foundation a beneficiary of 401K/IRA retirement plans, insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts, real estate or business sales or sign a deferred pledge agreement (available on request from ECCF)
9. **Your gift holds a special place in our Society.** As a member we will list your name in all our publications, annual reports, and membership literature.
10. Annually, the ECCF hopes to hold a reception honoring Society members and **you will be invited to all ECCF events.**

In closing, there are many non-profit organizations and programs worthy of your consideration. **They can be served by joining the Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society and the Community Foundation**

ELK COUNTY Community Foundation

The mission of the Elk County Community Foundation is to strengthen our region through development, stewardship and grant making as donors achieve their philanthropic goal. The Foundation was established in early 2000 by a group of local community business leaders who saw a need for a public foundation in Elk County. Shortly after that they received the 501 c (3) status from the IRS. The founders of the organization believed that a community foundation would provide individuals with an opportunity to financially provide for charitable and community organizations of their choice. Over the years the Foundation has grown and is recognized as an organization that will help future generations with challenges we have not even identified at this time.

The Elk County Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. By managing permanent charitable funds, the Foundation uses revenues to provide grants and scholarships to non-profit organizations just as the donor intended.



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**HOW TO JOIN THE ECCF
SARA-JANE STACKPOLE LEGACY
SOCIETY**

1. Plan your estate to leave a gift, to establish a new fund, enhance an existing fund, or support the ECCF.
2. Inform the ECCF that you have made the necessary arrangements by returning this form.

I have made a provision to the Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society of the ECCF in my estate planning and wish to be a member of the Society.

I/we agree _____ or do not agree _____ to have my/our name(s) included in the listing of the Society members.

NAME(S) AS YOU WISH TO BE LISTED:

Signature

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**Elk County
Community Foundation
Established a Legacy
Society in Honor of
Sara-Jane Stackpole**

The Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF) announces that the **Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society** was created on October 25, 2007. This date was specifically chosen to mark the first anniversary of Sara-Jane's passing. She was a very special friend and on-going contributor to the Foundation. Because of her belief in the Elk County Community Foundation and what it does, the Board of Directors has chosen to honor her memory with this designation. Sara-Jane was a true philanthropist and she left a legacy when she created two new funds at the Foundation and significantly added to the funds that bear her mother and father's names.

The new funds, or what some would consider permanent endowments, are designated to benefit the Ridgway community. One was for the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department, and the other will be distributed to non-profit organizations who serve Ridgway residents. The **Harrison and Muriel Dauer Stackpole Family Fund**, named for her parents, benefits volunteer, non-profit organizations throughout the area.

The Foundation extends to everyone the opportunity to follow in Sara-Jane's footsteps. By joining the **Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society** any one can become a philanthropist. One becomes a member of the Society simply by making arrangements in his or her estate plan for a gift and advising the Foundation.



Common ways that people might provide a legacy gift are: Gifts through your will or trust, IRA/401K designation, life insurance policy beneficiary designation, charitable trust, charitable gift annuity, or deferred pledge agreement. We recommend that you discuss your estate plans with your family, your attorney, accountant, insurance agent or financial planner as may be appropriate. You may also contact the Foundation to discuss the various ways to leave your legacy through the Community Foundation.

Planned gifts can be directed towards any of our existing funds or used to establish a new fund for any charitable purpose you wish. Individual can ensure that their favorite charities will receive gifts annually in perpetuity. The benefit to the community is endless and will last forever. Donations are invested so that a grant can be distributed to organizations and/or scholarships can be established to benefit students who are furthering their education.

The Foundation is very grateful to Sara-Jane for her insight in supporting the Foundation and its work throughout the community by establishing these funds that will benefit the area for generations to come.