



# What legacy would you like to leave?

Our world needs Quaker education now more than ever. A Sidwell Friends education teaches students to think independently, act ethically, grow with integrity, live peacefully, and the importance of letting their lives speak.

**That is why your philanthropy matters**—for Sidwell Friends students, and for the world in which they will live, learn, and lead with integrity.

Independent schools like Sidwell Friends operate on tuition, but they thrive on philanthropy. Your planned gift helps secure Sidwell Friends' financial future and enables our students and their teachers to excel for generations to come.

As parents, alumni, and friends of the Sidwell Friends community, your values likely align with the School's values and mission. And through your philanthropy, you seek to make a profound and enduring impact on students, this city, and communities beyond.

**We invite you to invest in an education that changes lives. Forever.**



# The Thomas and Frances Sidwell Society

The Thomas and Frances Sidwell Society recognizes the more than 150 individuals who have made the thoughtful decision of including Sidwell Friends in their estate plans. Modern-day bequests follow in the tradition of Thomas Sidwell, who survived Frances and left his estate in the care of the Board of Trustees in 1936. Bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, and other planned giving arrangements continue to bolster the School's financial sustainability and have great bearing on every aspect of the work and future of Sidwell Friends.

“I believe strongly in philanthropy and giving back in many ways, including through planned giving. And I know that I can have a big impact through my bequest. I share the results of my life's work with Sidwell Friends to ensure that its Quaker values, community, and culture will thrive.”

—MARTA FERRO '89

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP

There are many ways in which your generosity can sustain Sidwell Friends. We are here to help you design a gift that suits your philanthropic and financial goals—during your lifetime and after.

Some of your gift options include:

- Making a gift to Sidwell Friends in your will or trust
- Establishing a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust – gifts that provide lifetime payments
- Designating the School as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, such as an IRA, 401(K) or 403(b)
- Making a gift of life insurance or real estate
- Designating Sidwell Friends as a beneficiary of a bank account

## YOUR BENEFITS

You, your family, and your beneficiaries will receive various financial advantages depending on the type of gift you make. However you choose to give, you will share the following benefits with others in the Thomas and Francis Sidwell Society:

- **Satisfaction:** You will have the satisfaction of making a significant gift that aligns with your values and priorities.
- **Recognition:** You will be recognized, during your lifetime and thereafter, on the School's website, annual reports, and at special events as a member of this society. Or, if you prefer, your gift can be anonymous.
- **Remembrance:** You can choose to make your gift in honor or memory of someone you select.

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For additional information on how to create your legacy as part of the Thomas and Francis Sidwell Society, please visit us online at [plannedgiving.sidwell.edu](http://plannedgiving.sidwell.edu).