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Be the **CATALYST FOR CHANGE**

We invite YOU to join the Florence Crittenton family and leave a legacy that will **TRANSFORM LIVES** for generations to come.

# Join us in **TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE**

What will your legacy be? Do you want to make a statement about your beliefs in family and your community? As you begin planning for the future, building a legacy within the Florence Crittenton family is a perfect opportunity to ensure this world is a better place for your community, your family, and their future.

## **Heirs First, Charity Second**

For many, loved ones are the first priority in estate planning and understandably so. But frequently, charitable giving through your will/estate lessens the tax burden on your heirs while establishing your legacy.

In most cases, it is best to donate your most highly taxable assets. Consider a retirement plan, like an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or pension. If the IRA were given to your family, much of the value may be lost through estate and income taxes. However, if you use retirement assets to start your endowed charitable giving, not only is the full value of your gift transferred to your fund or charity tax free, your estate will benefit from an estate tax charitable deduction.



## **Making Lasting Change Is Not Complicated**

Creating a legacy for the future does not need to be complicated, and can have benefit to you, your family, and Florence Crittenton families. Consider these options to ensure you care for your family and community in the most beneficial way:

- Earmark a set dollar amount, or specify a percentage of your estate, in your Will or Trust - in any range you feel comfortable - to Florence Crittenton or the Florence Crittenton Endowment;
- Leave a residuary gift to Florence Crittenton, or the Endowment. The residuary is what remains of your estate after other distributions have been made.
- If you are looking to take advantage of Montana's amazing charitable tax credits, consider making a planned gift, such as a Deferred Gift Annuity. **These gifts can actually earn you income!**

These are just a few examples to get you started. Please contact us to discuss your tax-wise gift options.



## **Giving Wisely and Passionately** **TOM SHELLENBERG**

Tom is a long-time supporter of Florence Crittenton and lives in Livingston, Montana. He has supported FCHS in a variety of ways, including being a member of the Believer's Circle, which gives monthly or quarterly, and has made donations to the FCHS Endowment through his small business. Tom is a perfect example of a hardworking Montanan that is making a big difference in our communities!

*"One of my life blessings is giving to worthy causes. In my late 30's, the church of my youth wrote that they hadn't heard from me and were going to remove me from their membership rolls. I wrote a donation check and included a letter that they were the only church in my life and please keep me as a member. That was my first step in exercising the habit of giving. After finding the personal benefits of giving, when my cash flow was poor and anxiety set in, I would take out my check book and give away the remaining. Somehow everything worked out. Now, when I get paid, the first checks I write are for giving. Besides my church, there are a handful of charities that get a check every month. I even had preprinted labels to make the effort simple!*

*I believe every life deserves a chance. That is an easy thing to say, but hard to do anything about. Florence Crittenton allows me to walk the walk. They give young women the chance to make positive choices for their life and their child's life. I am proud to belong to the Believer's Circle, giving monthly, and have gladly allowed the State of Montana to give me a generous tax credit when I gave to Florence Crittenton's Endowment through my small business. The blessings continue."*



## JULIE & DEREK'S STORY

Before entering Florence Crittenton, I was a young 14-year-old girl who thought that life was normal. My mom had two jobs and five children and was struggling to make ends meet. One day my mom took me in for a doctor's visit. The nurse told me that I was pregnant. My heart sank, but I knew I would regret it if I didn't try to be a mom to my baby. Around the time I was eight months pregnant my mom had her breaking point, alcohol and drugs turned her life upside down. She went off to jail while my sister, brother, and I were placed in foster care; only to be days away of having my own little boy, Derek. Two weeks after his birth I made the decision to go to Florence Crittenton. As I accepted the opportunity to be a resident, I knew it would be a huge challenge. I was given warm welcomes by staff and other young mothers. My stay there was a year and one day. They taught me multiple qualities that I use in my everyday life. They gave me strength when I was weak, and motherhood became my life.

Now 15 years later, I am living a happy, healthy productive life with my family! I went back to school and got a job to support my child and myself. I met the most amazing man that became a father figure to Derek. My son Derek is now 15 years old. He is a very active, happy young man, doing great in school, and active in many sports including wrestling and basketball. My husband and I also have another son that is now 6 years old. Life is not perfect, but we are a family and we are making a life for ourselves in southwestern Montana.

Florence Crittenton was a true blessing. It was a turning point in my life and provided us with so many wonderful opportunities in life. I am so proud of both myself and my son!



## HOW DO I BEGIN?

### Next Steps for Ensuring Your Legacy with Florence Crittenton

1. Talk to your financial or legal advisor to learn which assets will or will not trigger taxable income when paid to a beneficiary.
2. Contact our Development Office at [development@florencecrittenton.org](mailto:development@florencecrittenton.org) or (406)442-6950 x204 for tax-saving and other planned gift opportunities that can benefit you and your family now, and support life-changing programs for young families in the future.
3. If you name FCHS in your will or as a beneficiary, please use our legal name and federal tax ID numbers:

**Legal Name:** Florence Crittenton Home and Services

**Address:** 901 N Harris St, Helena, MT 59601

**Federal Tax ID # for Home and Services:** 81-0231788

**Federal Tax ID # for Endowment gifts to FC Foundation:** 81-0446971\*

*\*To qualify for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, gifts must be made to the FC Foundation Endowment.*

4. Share your legacy with us and others! If you are comfortable, please share the great news that you have included FCHS in your estate planning so we may properly acknowledge your commitment to young families and the future.



# A Legacy of Lives Changed

## THE STORIES OF CHARLES CRITTENTON & JOHN EMPSON

More than 140 years ago, Charles Crittenton believed that young women and their children needed the support of a maternity home to allow those women to make educated choices for themselves and their children. To assure that this vision had permanency, Crittenton endowed “The Charles Crittenton Mission,” now The National Crittenton Foundation, which continues to use proceeds from Crittenton’s gift to advocate for young women and their children nationally and to coordinate efforts of legacy Crittenton organizations across the country.

Here in Montana, Florence Crittenton Home & Services receives a charitable contribution each month because of a gift that was made 90 years ago. In 1926, John H. Empson made a gift through his will, requesting that 5% of his estate be donated to Florence Crittenton. He chose to set this gift up through a trust; subsequently Florence Crittenton has received a monthly income for the past 90 years and will continue to receive income far into the future. We estimate this one gift has generated over \$300,000 over the last nine decades!

**YOUR LEGACY GIFT** allows you to walk in the footsteps of Charles Crittenton & John Empson more than a century ago and, like these transformational gifts, sustain the work of Florence Crittenton Home & Services in Helena, Montana, for decades to come.

## A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



For over a century, Florence Crittenton has been based on the foundation that a child does not exist in this world alone, that every child deserves a chance at a vibrant life, and that in order to give that child a chance we must also care for, educate, and support their parents. We believe in a two-generation approach that addresses the whole family... working together

to help parents heal from their own past trauma, learning to parent in a different way, and ensuring the highest quality of care for their children at all times. Everyday new research is published showing the strong correlation between healthy young families and the health of our communities. We look forward to another century of making transformational change in new and exciting ways.

When we put families first we can build a better world for each and every one of us. We look forward to sharing our vision for a brighter future with you and welcoming you to the Florence Crittenton family!



Changing the future...  
*two lives at a time*

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