



KANSAS CITY  
SYMPHONY

## A FOREVER GIFT FOR GREAT MUSIC

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I became interested in classical music as an adult. At first, I was overwhelmed by the many diverse genres of classical music. Eventually I learned what I like by borrowing classical CDs from the public library, and based on recommendations from family members.

I moved to Kansas City in 1978 and worked in various technical sales roles in a high-tech industry. During my working years, I was very busy and only occasionally attended Symphony performances. The Kauffman Center was built about the same time I retired. I bought my first season tickets to the Symphony soon after.



I love classical music and want to keep our world-class Symphony in Kansas City for many years. I also want future family members to be able to enjoy concerts by the KC Symphony. That's what inspired me to create a legacy gift to the Symphony.

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My gift has specific goals. I want to support the Symphony's performance of classical music after I'm gone. And I want that support to grow year after year. I enjoyed working with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to create a Donor Advised Fund called the Robert M. Suhre Foundation. After I die, it will provide financial support for the Symphony every year in perpetuity.

My legacy gift could have been simpler. I could have left part of my IRA to the Symphony. But there's an old saying in finance: "Compound interest is the 8th Wonder of the World." I'm an ordinary guy who made it a priority to invest for the long term. My legacy gift reflects that focus on the long term.

Everyone's priorities are different. If you're thinking about a legacy gift, you should speak with estate planning experts. They can help you find the approach that makes the most sense for you. My tastes in classical music have broadened over the years. These days, I learn a lot by exploring music on YouTube and reading posts on talkclassical.com. During Covid-19, I also enjoy Blu-ray recordings of classical concerts, opera and ballet. But it's not the same as a live performance. I look forward to the day when we can once again hear the Symphony bring great music to life in Helzberg Hall.

*Are you like Robert? Have you included a gift to the Symphony in your will, trust or other estate plans? We'd love to welcome you to *Sempre Society*. [Learn more.](#)*