

FROM THE DIRECTOR



What an honor and a blessing it is for Barnabas Foundation to play a role in what God is calling you to do!

Together with partners like you, we are making an impact on the world for Christ through the power of stewardship and effective planned giving.

Every day, we help to:

- Feed, clothe, and shelter the poor.
- Share the Gospel with the lost.
- Provide for widows, orphans and the imprisoned.
- Provide Bibles and Christian programming around the world.
- Provide for the local church and church planting.
- Educate students with a Christian world view.

These are the kinds of things our ministry partners are doing daily, and that the Stewards Fund is financially supporting. I'm happy to report the fund has provided more than \$390 million to share the love of Jesus around the world.

Thank you for letting us be part of how God uses you for His glory!

Serving the Lord with you,



James Bakke J.D.
Executive Director

Why the Stewards Fund?

The value of giving through a donor-advised fund

There are several wonderful ways you can use the Stewards Fund to help you in your charitable giving. The Stewards Fund is a donor-advised fund into which you can deposit various assets, such as cash, stock, real estate, marketable securities, private stock, or commodities. It's similar in nature to a family foundation, without all the legal hassles or expense.

One of the great things about the Stewards Fund is that you receive an immediate tax deduction when you make a deposit. So let's say, for example, you receive a large inheritance. You wish to make a generous gift to the Lord's work from the inheritance, but you're not sure how much to give to which ministries. You can place the total amount you wish to give into the Stewards Fund and then either distribute these funds immediately, or take your time deciding how best to allocate your giving.

Another benefit is the streamlining of your giving. You are able to support more than one ministry from a single gift through Barnabas Foundation. We handle all the due diligence and administrative details to implement gifts on your behalf.

For ministries that you support regularly, you may even arrange an automatic payment schedule from your Stewards Fund. In addition, you can easily manage your Stewards Fund account online at www.BarnabasFoundation.com.

To learn more about the how the Stewards Fund will help support your charitable giving, please call us at 888.448.3040 or email info@barnabasfoundation.com.

A NEW WEBSITE TO BETTER SERVE YOU!

Barnabas Foundation's website has a whole new look and several additional features, including a robust Online Member Center for our member ministries and churches. Experience it today at www.BarnabasFoundation.com

How Is Fear Holding You Back

Bestselling Author Lynn Austin presents challenging message at Stewards Fund Luncheon



Long before bestselling author Lynn Austin had won six Christy awards for her historical fiction, she was an ordinary stay-at-home-mom just trying to put her first story to paper.

She'd never vocalized her career aspirations to anyone, fearful whether or not she'd be able to cut it as a Christian author.

As the keynote speaker for Barnabas Foundation's bi-annual Stewards Fund luncheon, Lynn recalled the day she set her fears aside to claim the calling God had put on her heart. Her husband taught music lessons in their home at the time, and one of his teenage students casually asked Lynn what she was doing. Looking up from the typewriter at her kitchen table, she swallowed the lump in her throat and publically confessed her dreams for the very first time. "I'm an author," she told him, "working on my first novel."

The boy went on to introduce Lynn to his mother—a Christian published author—who became a mentor to Lynn and helped her launch an extraordinary writing career. Lynn says she often wonders how her life would be different had she allowed fear to hold her back that day.

What about you? What is God challenging you to do today? What passions, talents, or resources has He given you, to be put to use for His glory?

When we trust all that we have and all that we are to the Giver of all things, He can do incredible things. So move past your fears, and give it all to God. Then prepare to be amazed at how He'll work in and through you!

ASK BARNABAS FOUNDATION

Q: What kind of assets can I give to establish a Stewards Fund?

A. You have flexibility to give the assets that best fit your situation. Almost any asset can become a charitable gift—appreciated stocks and other securities, real estate, business interests (prior to a sale), proceeds from estates, commodities, equipment and collectibles..

Q: What happens if there are funds remaining in my Stewards Fund at my death?

A. Barnabas Foundation is committed to honoring your charitable intent, based on the wishes you've indicated to us. We will distribute the remaining funds to your favorite ministries, or you can name others—such as your children—as successor advisors who can give the funds away, long after you're in Heaven.

GIFTING REAL ESTATE

If you have appreciated real estate that you would like to sell, avoid taxes, and give back to the Lord, we would be happy to talk with you to develop a great plan of stewardship for you **prior to selling it**. Please know that it's important that you do not enter into a sales contract before calling us, or you will lose important tax benefits available to you. For more information please call Cindi Riemersma at 888.448.3040 or email criem@barnabasfoundation.com.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR YOUR RECORDS

Our office headquarters have moved!

Barnabas Foundation
3801 Eagle Nest Dr., Suite B
Crete, IL 60417-1993

If you've named Barnabas Foundation in your estate plan, please file the attached Barnabas Foundation New Address Form with your Will or Trust documents. It's not necessary to change our address within the documents themselves. The important thing is to notify your executor or trustee of our address change so they can easily locate us when they need to do so.

Stay Connected

In our pursuit to be better stewards of God's resources, we often communicate through email address instead of print. If we don't have your email, please make sure we can reach you in this way by sending your information to info@BarnabasFoundation.com.



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New Address as of July 1, 2017

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Our Phone and Fax Numbers remain the same:

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Since our founding in 1976, Barnabas Foundation offices have been located at the following previous addresses:

- 18601 North Creek Drive, Suite B, Tinley Park, IL 60477-6399
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