Join Us in Growing a Culture of Local Philanthropy...



Retirement Planning in 2025

What is Health Care Foundation for Ventura County?

Health Care Foundation for Ventura County is a public benefit non-profit corporation, dedicated to strengthening **Ventura County Health Care Agency's** capacity to provide quality health care for all, with cost-effective and compassionate, professional care.



Funding to HCFVC come from a variety of sources, including small gifts, large gifts, planned gifts, grants, **WeGive Employee**, **WeGive Retirees** and more.

HCFVC, alongside VCHCA leaders, identifies areas where funding can be strategically allocated to enhance patient outcomes.

VCHCA uses the funding to purchase medical equipment and support programs to optimize healthcare outcomes.

Retirement Planning Checklist:

Before You Retire:

- Become a WeGive Employee
 - Donate through payroll deduction, annual leave hours, or credit card.
 - A simple and effective way to reduce your year-end tax burden.
- 2. Access Free Will & Trust Resources and Estate Planning Workshops
 - A free and convenient gift valued at \$3000+ available to you, your family and your friends!
 - Free quarterly workshops offered to Ventura County employees and community members.

After You Retire:

- 1. Become a WeGive Retiree
 - Make a monthly recurring donation through your pension or credit card.
 - Donate up to 40 hours per year to reduce your annual leave balance.
- 2. Visit hcfvc.org/plannedgiving and make a planned gift to HCFVC
 - Donate via **Donor-Advised Funds, stocks, bonds, cryptocurrency**, and more.
- 3. Purchase an engraved brick for the VCMC Healing Garden









BEFORE YOU RETIRE: Join WeGive Employee



Donate Your Unused Vacation Hours Before You Retire

- Vacation hours accrue up to a **maximum limit**. Check your balance in the **VCHRP** portal to ensure you don't exceed it.
- Avoid losing hours by donating up to 40 hours to HCFVC every year.
- Email ac.payroll@venturacounty.gov with your employee ID# and the number of hours you wish to donate.



Donate Via Payroll Deduction

- Give \$5 or more per pay period by signing up through your VCHRP portal.
- Even small contributions make a big impact when every employee participates!



Make a One-Time or Recurring Donation with a Credit or Debit Card Visit hcfvc.org/initiatives to give \$5 or more in support of HCFVC.

How Ventura County Employees Shape a Healthier Future

If Each of the Over 11,000 Ventura County Employees Donate...

\$5 Per Pay Period Becomes \$1,430,000 1 Hour of Annual Leave Becomes \$330,000 \$20 Credit or Debit Card Donation Becomes <u>\$220,000</u>



Scan to Donate Via Payroll Deduction



Scan to Donate Via
Annual Leave



Scan to Donate Via Credit Card

Ventura County Employees Create \$1,980,000 to Strengthen Local Healthcare



BEFORE YOU RETIRE:

Our Gift to You! A \$3,000+ Value!



- Explore flexible planned giving options such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, and 401(k) beneficiary designations.
- By including HCFVC in your estate plan, you create a lasting legacy that supports VCHCA for generations to come.
- If you already have an estate plan outside of Giving Docs and wish to make a planned gift, contact HCFVC to request a nonprofit designation letter.



BEFORE YOU RETIRE:



Scan Here! or Visit

givingdocs.com/hcfvc





BEFORE YOU RETIRE:



Scan Here to Register!

Free Quarterly Estate Planning & Trust Workshops Hosted by HCFVC

- Workshops feature experts from Ventura County Public Administrator and County Counsel, as well as other trusted legal professionals.
- Learn the fundamentals of estate planning in a clear, approachable format, with guidance tailored to help you take the right steps for your future.
- Discover the costly consequences of not having an estate plan, as **probate fees can exceed \$50,000** for an average property in Ventura County.

Why Probate Can Be So Expensive

For a \$1 million estate in California in 2025, probate costs are set by Probate Code §§ 10800 and 10810, which establish **statutory fees for both the attorney and executor** based on the estate's gross value (before debts).

Sample Statutory Probate Fee Breakdown for a \$1 Million Estate:

- 4% on the first \$100,000 = \$4,000
- 3% on the next \$100,000 **= \$3,000**
- 2% on the next \$800,000 **= \$16,000**

This Results in the Following Statutory Probate Fees:

- Attorney's Fee: \$23,000
- Executor's Fee: \$23,000
- TOTAL PROBATE FEES: \$46,000

Additional Expenses to Consider:

- Court Filing Fees: ~\$435 for initial filing and ~\$435 for final distribution
- Probate Referee Fees: ~0.1% of estate value
- Extraordinary Services: Additional compensation may be approved for tasks beyond standard duties

Even a conservative estimate shows that a \$1 million estate, the average home value in Ventura County, may face \$40,000 to \$70,000 in probate fees and expenses.

AFTER YOU RETIRE: Join WeGive Retirees

Your Opportunity to be a WeGiver Does Not End When You Retire!



1. Give Via Monthly Pension

- Complete your WeGive Retiree Donation Form.
- Contribute any amount directly from your monthly pension to HCFVC.
- Donations can start as low as \$5/month or just \$60/year.



2. Give Via Recurring Credit Card Donation

- Visit hcfvc.org to set up your WeGive Retirees donation.
- Every recurring donation, no matter the amount, makes a difference.
- You can pause or cancel your donation at any time.



3. Visit hcfvc.org/plannedgiving to Make a Strategic Planned Gift to HCFVC

- Options include Donor-Advised Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities, Stocks, Cryptocurrency and more.
- A meaningful way to reduce your year-end tax burden while supporting local healthcare

Leave a Lasting Legacy in Ventura County

with an Engraved Healing Garden Brick at Ventura County Medical Center



- Honor a colleague, your career, yourself or a loved one by securing a personalized brick in the Healing Garden at Ventura County Medical Center.
- A \$500 donation leaves a timeless message or tribute for our shared community to see and enjoy!
- This tax-deductible gift can be made on hcfvc.org. Ventura County employees can also donate unused vacation hours toward their brick.

Ventura County Medical Center Healing Garden Path

Key Action Items & Takeaways

- Join WeGive Employee
- Complete your free will & trust at givingdocs.com/hcfvc and leave a planned gift to HCFVC.
- 3. Register for HCFVC's **free Estate Planning & Trust Workshop**.
- 4. Become a **WeGive Retiree** as you transition into retirement.
- 5. Visit hcfvc.org/plannedgiving to explore strategic planned giving opportunities.



Giving Docs

Free Estate
Planning &
Trust Workshop





ANY QUESTIONS?



Amy Towner, Chief Executive Officer

amy.towner@venturacounty.gov Cell: 805-794-7651







Contact Us: hcfvc.org 805-652-3361