



## The American Friends of Versailles

### Planned Giving

Donors make a vital contribution to Versailles, the largest museum in the world. Their generosity allows for the return of precious objects to the collections and for restorations that are essential to the experience of visiting this UNESCO world-heritage site today.

Versailles, for three centuries, has inspired the world on every level in the historic, political and artistic arenas, and has significant ties to America. This relationship commenced with Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. It continued with the extraordinary Rockefeller patronage of Versailles in the 1920s, then with Gerald Van der Kemp and his American wife, Florence, who was the chief curator from 1945 to 1980, and now through the American Friends of Versailles.

AFV remains dedicated to maintaining the American support and an active interest in this international treasure in order to help preserve its history and beauty for future generations. Notably, more Americans visit the Château and its magnificent gardens than any other foreign nationality.

**Please remember AFV in your estate planning** and help us continue our mission of restoration, international volunteerism, friendship and education. Donations of any size are always greatly appreciated. The American Friends of Versailles welcomes your planned gift in the form of a bequest or life insurance policy.

Your gift may benefit from estate tax exemption - please consult your lawyer or notary. **The American Friends of Versailles is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization and its Employer Identification Number is 36-4237214.**

### Bequests

The American Friends of Versailles gratefully accepts:

- Financial gifts in specified amounts
- Specific gifts of property, real estate, or other assets
- All of the remainder of your estate after all other obligations

You may make an unrestricted bequest or specify that it is to be used for a specific project, acquisition, or area. To include the American Friends of Versailles in your will, you must include the full address: **The American Friends of Versailles, 1400 North Lake Shore Drive #8E, Chicago, Illinois 60610 USA** Please contact [info@americanfriendsofversailles.org](mailto:info@americanfriendsofversailles.org) Tel: 312.943.0173 if you have questions.

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**Life insurance**

You may make the American Friends of Versailles the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

The American Friends of Versailles was established on June 30, 1998 as a charitable corporation for improving and promoting a positive American-French relationship and serves as a sister organization to Les Amis de Versailles. **AFV continues to be designated as the official representative for Versailles in the United States.**

The express purpose of this philanthropic organization is to encourage support of the Palace of Versailles and its gardens, focusing on cultural interchange between the United States and France in the fields of education, architecture, fine and decorative arts and garden architecture. AFV raises funds for the support of specific restoration projects in the Palace and its gardens, for cultural seminars and for educational exchange.

**By supporting Versailles, a global treasure, we have all chosen to maintain a history of civilized cultures who believe that beauty, artistry and friendship have an absolute value and place in the world.** The American Friends of Versailles would be forever grateful to you for your kindness.

Our heartfelt gratitude to you,  
With all best wishes,

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