



# **FUTURE TRACKS**

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY FOR THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL



## 1984 - A TRAIL IS BORN

The Catamount Trail began as an idea in the minds of four young Vermont men: Steve Bushey, Paul Jarris, Jim Painter, and Ben Rose. Steve researched the route and proposed an “end to end” nordic ski trail as a thesis project. With Jim providing planning and logistical support, the four skied the route on the first End-to-End Tour in 1984, and the Catamount Trail was born.

## THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL TODAY

The 300-mile Catamount Trail is North America’s longest XC ski trail stretching the length of Vermont. We are an association of 2500 members with six affiliated chapters that maintain a further 100,000 vertical feet of local backcountry terrain. Each year our Ski Cubs program creates opportunities for many hundreds of young people to learn to ski and develop a love of the outdoors. All together, our terrain, trails, programs and events facilitate 2300+ skier-days every year. We also steward 45 conservation easements with our partners. As a member supported non-profit organization we rely on our members and generous donors to maintain free access to these resources for everyone.

## CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

To honor and recognize the valuable planned gifts from our donors the CTA has created the LegaSki Society.

Your gift will assure the long term success of the CTA in meeting its strategic goals and could result in tax savings or lifetime income for you. Examples include a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, and naming the CTA as a beneficiary of life insurance plan, a retirement account, or a charitable trust.

Whether you are taking your first steps, or updating an existing estate plan, the CTA can help connect you with more information.

## **VERMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Vermont Community Foundation is family of hundreds of funds and foundations created by Vermonters to serve their charitable goals. These funds and programs provide more than \$18 million a year in grants in Vermont and beyond.

The CTA has partnered with the VCF to establish The Catamount Trail Fund - a component fund that accepts bequests and other charitable gifts. We benefit from their professional advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise to make your gift to the CTA easy and inspiring. Examples include:

## **CHARITABLE BEQUESTS**

With a charitable bequest you can choose to give a stated dollar amount, a specific property, a percentage of your estate, or many other types of assets. This can be done at any age by amending an existing will or drafting a new one. Upon your death your bequest will go to support the Catamount Trail Fund and make grants to the CTA that support our work long after you are gone.

## **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

When you establish a charitable gift annuity you make a commitment to the Catamount Trail Association for generations. And you benefit with tax savings and a dependable fixed income for life. CGAs are ideal for individuals who want a guaranteed source of income from their gift, regardless of what happens on the stock market. In general, CGAs are arrangements that are simple and inexpensive.

## **DONOR BENEFITS**

Donors who include the CTA in their planned giving are invited to join the LegaSki Society and, like members of the Founders Society, are entitled to receive unique benefits including:

- » Special biannual reports from the Executive Director
- » A yearly outing and reception
- » An open invitation to explore the Catamount Trail accompanied by CTA staff

*To take the first steps please contact Matt Williams, CTA Executive Director, 802-864-5794 or return the enclosed card.*

*The CTA does not provide financial planning or tax advice.*



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