The act of giving is personal and I feel a connection to the Newark Museum and its people. I made a planned gift because the Museum is dear to my heart and I want my legacy to include a commitment to its future.

In a world where we seem more deeply divided than ever, the Newark Museum is a place where we come together and learn about each other. With children still at home, my priority is to save for their education, but by putting this wonderful institution in my will, I have more hope for the future.

Museums are the cultural soul of our country, and the Newark Museum is the artistic and cultural heart of New Jersey. If we don’t plan ahead to make sure its legacy is preserved after we’re gone, who will?

My husband and I have long been devoted to our greater Newark community. We always believed in the mission of the Newark Museum to connect objects and ideas to the community’s needs. Now more than ever, we cherish the value of an accessible encyclopedic museum – The Newark Museum!

I was concerned during the recession and began to give periodic donations, eventually deciding to make a planned gift to ensure that the values it stands for and the people it serves can continue to benefit the way I do from the Museum. I feel good knowing that I am doing what I can to support such a wonderful place that means so much to me.

What better way to safeguard my children’s quality of life than leaving an IRA to the Newark Museum with its 100 years of proven service to education?