

How to create a memorial

Nearly every organization is touched when someone wants to create a memorial.

But, as with most things, there are rules and guidelines.

Once you decide on how you want to memorialize a loved one, your best bet is to contact the organization directly with your memorial idea, so they can work with you on the details and placement.

Sometimes not all ideas work. Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery works with donors to make sure artwork fits with its mission and helps people find good fits.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department has had to limit where memorial trees can be planted, in order to keep up with the trees' care.

In addition, the parks department has a suggested list of memorial ideas and the cost:

- * Contribution to the Beautiful Parks or Beautiful Kids endowments; \$15 minimum
- * Paving the Park or One Flower Forever (in which one new plant is added in a person's name each year); \$100
- * An inscribed brick at Sunken Gardens; \$250-\$750
- * A crab apple tree for the Memorial Grove at Mahoney Park; \$800
- * Park bench; \$1,600
- * Drinking fountain, \$8,200

Prices on city memorials include labor, materials and an inscribed bronze memorial plaque.