

*You give to make a difference
in the lives of others.*

When people are hurting, animals are endangered or the environment is threatened, you help. Your charitable gift touches those in need today. The world's problems aren't easy to solve, but your gifts build solutions.

The charitable organizations you support also touch the future. They will be creating your vision for a better world long after your lifetime. Their work, and the lives they touch, can be your legacy.

Like Lester, Maria, Ralph and Marjorie, you can make a difference in the lives that follow.

For more information about including a charitable bequest in your will, contact your favorite charity, a legal or financial advisor, or your local LEAVE A LEGACY® program.



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Lester never finished school, but he worked there until his death in 1992. Mopping floors didn't make him rich, but it taught him the value of education. Thanks to his bequest to the tutoring program, things will add up for a few more students.



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Ralph spent hours fishing with his grandchildren. In 1997, he was buried next to his favorite fishing hole. To stock it for his great-grandchildren, he made a bequest to a local conservation organization in his will. Thanks to Ralph, fish are still biting.

Maria never missed a classical concert. Hearing the works of the old masters made her heart soar. She died last year, but the music she loved is still playing. Thanks to a bequest in her will, her beloved orchestra won't miss a beat.



Marjorie Chun was a woman of faith who treated both body and soul. She died last year, but a gift in her estate plan means the hospital where she worked will have a new chapel. Thanks to Dr. Chun, people who are hurting will have a place to seek peace.

We rely on charitable organizations and they rely on us.

We rely on them to cure diseases, feed the hungry, teach our children, present the arts, preserve our history, train our doctors and shelter the homeless.

They rely on us for survival. While many charities receive some support from government agencies, the majority of their funding comes from the public—people like you who give generously throughout their lives.

But did you know that by including a charitable gift in your will or estate plan, you can help to continue your favorite organization's work well into the future? You can continue to make a difference in the lives that follow.

What you should know

You can make a legacy gift to charity. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

You can leave money to your family and to your favorite charity. Some people think they must choose between leaving a gift to their family or their favorite charity. You can do both, and some charitable gifts may actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance taxes.

It's easy. A simple directive in your will can bring welcome support to an organization that will make a difference in many lives.

You can start today.

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable objectives. Without these documents, you surrender control of your property and assets to the courts.
- Contact your financial advisor (a financial planner, lawyer or accountant) and ask for help in establishing a charitable gift.
- Think beyond cash—you can leave stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal property to charitable organizations.
- Make your favorite charity a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.