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PLANNED GIVING BRIEFS

WILLS, BEQUESTS AND TRUSTS

The Future Is What You Make Of It.



Making A Bequest To Charity

In considering your plans for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family and save on estate taxes, but also how you might benefit one or more ministries and charitable organizations. A bequest permits you to leave a lasting legacy and often provides valuable tax savings.

A charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount, gift specific property or designate a percentage of your estate in your will or trust plan. If you wish to make a gift of your IRA or 401(k) plan, this can usually be done by filling out a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator.

Why Do I Need A Plan?

Failure to plan may result in accidental disinheritance. Accidental disinheritance occurs when you have no will or your will doesn't function properly. Because failure to plan means you risk harming those you love and subjecting your estate to needless tax, most people will need to make a plan for the future.

What are some options for planning my future?

A Will is a written document that permits you to state how you want your property or estate distributed, name an Executor (also called a Personal Representative) to distribute your property, pay debts and taxes, and handle other business affairs to settle your estate.

Living Trust— If you own property, you may wish to set up a living trust. It may be set up during life and directs where your assets go. Unlike a will, a trust will not subject your estate to probate.

What other considerations need to be made?

Who will be the guardian of my dependent children?

Your child is considered a minor in most states until he or she reaches age 18. It is important to appoint a guardian, so that if you pass away, the guardian may take physical custody of and care for your minor children.

Who will have the power to manage my finances?

If you are no longer able to manage your property or later wish to have someone else manage your property, a durable power of attorney will give the person you select the legal authority to buy, sell, and manage your property.

Who will make my healthcare decisions?

A durable power of attorney for healthcare allows you to select a person who can assist your doctors in making healthcare decisions if you become unable to act on your own behalf.

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