

A LEGACY FOR LIFE

During your lifetime, you've supported charitable organizations, like Right to Life of Michigan, that reflect the core values of who you are and what you believe. Your commitment to worthwhile causes can live on even after your death as part of the legacy you leave behind. Through a will or trust, you are able to provide for your family and the causes you feel passionate about—well into the future.

Wills and Trusts

Wills and Trusts are the most common way for people to provide for their favorite charities. This method allows for you to retain full use of your assets during your life. Many find that leaving a small portion of their estates (for example 10%) enables them to provide for their loved ones' needs and to support those causes important to them.

To make a bequest gift, select one of the three RLM entities, and ask your attorney to include the following paragraph: "I give, devise and bequeath to Right to Life of Michigan (or Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund, or Right to Life of Michigan Educational Endowment Fund), a non-profit corporation, with its principal offices located at 2340 Porter St. S.W., P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509, the sum of \$_____ or _____ % of my estate (or describe another type of gift)."

Other Types of Charitable Gifts include: Life Insurance, Retirement Plans, Financial Accounts, Real Estate, Appreciated Assets, Life Income Gifts, and More.

Need Help?

Find out how you can provide for your loved ones AND make a gift to your favorite charity. Call the Right to Life of Michigan Office of Gift Planning at (616) 532-2300 or e-mail info@rtl.org for more information.

Take this Quiz

If you don't have a will or a trust:

1. Who will oversee the distribution of my property and finances at the end of my life?
 - a. Me
 - b. Uncle Sam (the government)
2. Who might receive more of my property and finances than I ever intended?
 - a. Family and Friends
 - b. Probate Court and Lawyers
3. Who will take care of my children if I'm no longer here?
 - a. I decide
 - b. Probate Judge decides
4. Who will carry out my wishes?
 - a. I decide
 - b. Probate Judge decides
5. Who will make medical decisions if I am unable?
 - a. I decide
 - b. Probate Judge decides
6. Who will handle my personal affairs if I am unable?
 - a. I decide
 - b. Probate Judge decides
7. Who could become my favorite charity?
 - a. Right to Life of Michigan
 - b. Uncle Sam (the government)

Answers: 1. Uncle Sam; 2. Probate Court and Lawyers; 3. Probate Judge decides; 4. Probate Judge decides; 5. Probate Judge decides; 6. Probate Judge decides; 7. Uncle Sam.

Don't throw your rights away! No matter how modest or large your estate, not having a will or trust means that you are making a choice to leave all the decisions about your probate estate to a judge in the courtroom. A will or trust directs the distribution of your property and finances according to your wishes.



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