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ARE YOU USING YOUR WILL EFFECTIVELY?

After you have outlined your estate plan, you are ready to look for the best way to carry it out. The most widely used tool for distributing property is a will. A will records your instructions for the distribution of your property when you no longer need it.

Reach your goals

Here are some ways to use a will to implement your plans:

Add a codicil. Sometimes it is best to have a new will drafted after many changes in one's life. But often, a codicil is enough. Like a P.S. on a letter, a codicil is used to modify or add to the contents of an existing will.

Create a trust in your will. You can delay distribution of property to one or more loved ones or arrange for professional management. This can be useful when heirs are still minors. You can have only the income generated by the trust property paid for a period of time to an heir, or you may ultimately give your heir the entire ownership of the trust assets.

Include a gift. Many choose their wills as vehicles for charitable gifts and there are many different ways to complete these gifts. After family and other loved ones have been provided for, you can choose to give a specific amount, a particular property or a percentage of your estate. You can also combine these methods—for example, giving a percentage of a certain asset.

Or, you may wish to name a charity such as AFP&CC to receive whatever property is left after

those special to you have been cared for. Such a “residual bequest” allows you to fulfill responsibilities to loved ones first.

Each method of giving has different advantages. Make sure to evaluate which approach works well with your goals and situation.

Learn more

With the help of your attorney and other professional advisors, you can decide on the tools that best meet your wishes for the future. Please contact us or your financial advisors to find out the best way to make a gift through your will or trust.

For more information, you can reach us by phone: 321-264-0911, email: policeinfo@aphf.org or return the enclosed card. Or, visit us on our website at afpcc.givingplan.net.

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CONSIDER ASSETS YOUR WILL WON'T DIRECT

When you are planning your estate, the legal document that probably first comes to mind is a will. After all, a will is the most popular estate planning vehicle, regardless of the size of your estate. And while a will can control the distribution of most of your property, it may not determine who receives certain types of assets.

Joint ownership

Property owned jointly by two or more people will bypass a will. Husbands and wives often own several assets in this way. With joint ownership, when one co-owner dies, the property will automatically pass directly to the surviving co-owner.

Because such property never falls under the terms of a will, it passes to the joint owner free of the delays and expense of probate. Unlike a will, whose directives become public knowledge, joint ownership also provides privacy for the property holders.

Plans where you name beneficiaries

Another way to automatically transfer assets to heirs is through contractual arrangements that allow you to name beneficiaries. Examples of such plans include life insurance policies and retirement plan accounts, where, at the end of lifetime, funds left in the plan go directly to the beneficiary you designate. Such plans generally allow funds to pass outside of probate, providing a prompt and simple transfer of assets.



SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

To include AFP&CC in your will or trust, the following is suggested wording to take to your attorney:

“After fulfilling other provisions, I give, devise and bequeath ____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (or \$_____ if a specific amount) to the American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens (tax ID #52-1127259), a charitable corporation presently having offices at 6350 Horizon Drive, Titusville, FL 32780.”



Please visit afpcc.givingplan.net to see additional ways you can make a gift in support of the work we do for the families and survivors of fallen officers.

ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS

As you consider strategies for accomplishing your personal and charitable objectives for 2020 and beyond, you may want to take the time to do the following:

- ★ Determine the value of your assets and the income they produce.
- ★ Define your goals for the management and future distribution of those assets.
- ★ Review the needs of loved ones and consider any changes that may be needed in your plans.

You may have more than you think!

Make a comprehensive list of your assets, including their original cost and current market value. This may include:

- ★ Your home and its furnishings and other real estate.
- ★ Vehicles, valuable collections and other personal property.
- ★ Checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, retirement plans and other investments.

Make note of any income produced by assets as well.

Shaping up your plans

Next, meet with your professional advisors to set out your personal and charitable goals. An attorney, and possibly your accountant, life insurance representative or other specialist, can help you consider your specific circumstances and structure an estate and financial plan that best meets your needs.

This step may also help relieve your loved ones of unnecessary taxation and burdensome administrative details and decisions, bringing peace of mind to you and those who rely on you for financial security.

The choice is yours

Complete, up-to-date and legally valid estate plans demonstrate your determination to do everything you can to facilitate the eventual distribution of your assets to heirs and charitable interests.

Please let us know if we can help you and your advisors as you consider the charitable dimension of your plans.

UNCOVERING FACT FROM FICTION

Many people have ideas about wills that simply aren't true. This informative booklet can assist you as you determine what is fact and what is fiction. If you are interested in reading the various myths that are often mistaken for fact, please return the enclosed reply card for your copy of "37 Things People 'Know' About Wills That Aren't Really So."



AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE FOR GIVING

Using retirement funds for making charitable gifts is generally not among most people's plans at the outset. However, retirement plan assets can be a wise source to make your gifts, both now and in the future.

Give now

Make Tax-Free Gifts to AFP&CC from your IRA. If you are age 70½ or older, you can give directly from a traditional or Roth IRA completely free of federal income tax (up to \$100,000 per person per year).

Giving directly from your IRA will not increase your adjusted gross income and possibly subject your Social Security income to a higher level of taxation. Additionally, your charitable IRA gift may count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). For those turning 70½ in 2020 or later, RMDs can be postponed until age 72.

Give later

Make AFP&CC the Beneficiary of a Retirement Plan. When you leave the balance of an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) to your heirs, they must carefully manage the account to avoid losing its tax-deferred status and potentially triggering large income taxes and possible penalties.

You can simplify matters for your loved ones by directing all or a portion of what remains in your retirement accounts to charities, such as AFP&CC, and leaving other more tax-favored assets to your heirs. Designating a charitable beneficiary of a retirement account does not require you to change your will.

For more information about making a gift using retirement plan assets, return the enclosed reply card or contact us by phone or email.



Thank you so much for the super fun gifts you sent for my girl. You guys hit it out of the park this year.

*Thanks again,
Irene*



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