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Charitable Bequest Plan

A legacy to your faith

Support for church and charitable causes is a natural part of life for those who believe in the biblical concept of stewardship. A bequest plan can help you witness to your faith even after your death and may also help you reduce estate and inheritance taxes.

How it works

When making a will or living trust, most people are concerned about dividing their assets among family members. Everence Foundation suggests you consider making Blessings of Hope part of your estate planning.

Simply indicate in your will that a portion of your assets should be left as a bequest to Everence Foundation. Then fill out a charitable gift distribution form that allows you to recommend Blessings of Hope as a charitable cause you would like to support with your bequest.

Upon your death, the executor of your estate will transfer your bequest to Everence Foundation, who then distributes the assets to us as you have recommended. Another option for large bequests is to ask Everence Foundation to hold the funds, invest them for a certain period, and then distribute only the net income to Blessings of Hope. This multiplies the effect of the gift over a period of time. This service is available for a nominal fee.

How to give a gift

The first step is to decide on the share you wish to designate to Blessings of Hope. We suggest you use percentages or shares rather than specific dollar amounts.

When children are young, parents often choose to designate a tithe (10 percent). As children grow up, parents may want to increase the share designated for Blessings of Hope. One option is to adopt us as another child with an equal share. If you have no children or if your children are independent, you may wish to designate an even larger portion to us. We suggest you let need be a major factor in deciding how much of your estate should be given to family and how much to Blessings of Hope.

Once you have decided on the share or percentage, fill out a charitable gift distribution form from Everence Foundation. The form is used for the bequest to Everence Foundation and to designate Blessings of Hope as the charity you want to support. You may revise your distribution recommendations at any time by simply filling out a new distribution form and sending it to Everence Foundation.

Advantages

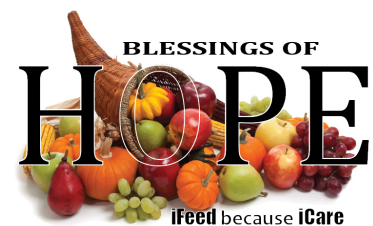
- **Simplify your estate.**
- **Support multiple charities with a single bequest.**
- **Revise distributions without changing your will.**
- **Reduce estate and inheritance taxes.**

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What Blessings of Hope receives

Blessings of Hope is delighted to receive contributions through a bequest plan. Contributions such as these can make a significant impact in the funding of the ministry.

What you receive

You may be able to reduce estate and inheritance taxes since charitable bequests are deductible from your estate.

A bequest plan through Everence Foundation simplifies matters for the executors of your estate since they only have to send the bequest to one organization no matter how many charities you choose to support. The foundation takes care of the distribution of the funds.

Perhaps the greatest benefit is the satisfaction of knowing that the support you have given to charitable organizations in life will continue at your death. Even if you do no other type of planned giving during your life, you can participate in the work of the church with a charitable bequest. It is the one form of planned giving everyone can do.

Case studies

Jeff and Debra Halifax are in the process of revising their will. They each contribute regularly to the colleges from which they graduated and support their local congregation. Because they still have two young children, they decide to designate 10 percent of their estate to charity by using an Everence Foundation bequest plan. Should both of them die, 10 percent of their estate will be given to Everence Foundation. The foundation will then distribute the funds to the two colleges and the local church upon review and approval of the charitable gift distribution form.

Charles and Lydia Snoke have four adult children who are self-supporting. They decide to divide their estate into five equal shares: one share will go to each of their four children and the fifth will go to charities. Upon their deaths, the money from the fifth share will go to Everence Foundation, which will then distribute the funds to approved charities the Snokes have recommended in a charitable gift distribution form.

Act today!

Contact us and we'll show you exactly how you can use an Everence Foundation bequest plan to continue your legacy of stewardship even after your death.

Legal language suggestions

The bequest may be worded something like the following:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Everence Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, with headquarters at 1110 N. Main St., Goshen, Ind., (____) percent of my estate (or name of a particular property) for its general purposes.

Or, after shares have been designated to family members, the bequest may say:

All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, wherever situated, I give, devise, and bequeath to Everence Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, with headquarters at 1110 N. Main St., Goshen, Ind., for its general purposes.