

Bequest by Will

Including a charitable bequest in your will is a simple way to make a lasting gift to our community. When you make this gift through the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, you are making a gift that benefits the community forever and becomes your personal legacy of giving.

How it works

- Include the Women's Fund in your will as a bequest; we can help you or your attorney with recommended language.
- Determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift.
- Upon your death a special fund is created in your name, in the name of your family, or to honor any person or organization you choose.
- Generally, your charitable gift is excluded from your assets for estate tax purposes.
- Our professional program staff considers your charitable wishes and determines the areas of community need affecting women and girls that would be most impacted by grants from your gift.
- Our board issues grants to programs improving the lives of women and girls in the name of the fund you establish (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- All the administrative details are handled for you.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing the needs of women and girls. Your gift - and all future earnings from your gift - is a permanent source of community capital, helping to create long-term social change.

Ten reasons people choose to give through the Women's Fund

One

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our professional staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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Our funds help people **invest in the women's issues** they care about most.

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We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and in partnership with the Community Foundation, can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

More Benefits

Making a bequest to the Women's Fund is as easy as designating an asset to charity in your will. You can decide to do it at any age by adding to an existing will or drafting a new one. In doing so you leave a legacy to your community, while enjoying the assets you need to maintain your current lifestyle. Plus, you are able to distribute some or all of your assets, tax free.

You can give cash, appreciated stocks, mutual funds or other assets. Some of the most tax-efficient asset types to give through your will come from retirement plan accounts, since heirs would be taxed on the income in respect of the decedent (IRD). You can choose to give a stated dollar amount, a specific property, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after distributions to other beneficiaries, or you can make your gift contingent on certain events.

The Women's Fund provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to the Women's Fund. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region at (920) 830-1290.