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Estate Planning News & Ideas

The 3 Most Important Gifts You'll Ever Give

Make All Your Love Last Forever

When you create your will and estate plan, you give those you love much more than just financial protection. You give them:

1. The Gift of Good Planning

Creating your will and estate plan is an act of compassion. When you plan ahead, loved ones won't wonder what your final wishes are, because you will have thoughtfully removed all guesswork. They won't spend weeks debating who should inherit what.

Your will and estate plan transform from a set of legal documents into a comforting companion that helps those who will need it most.

2. The Gift of Your Story

How many people truly know what has shaped your life and inspired your values? You may be close to several people, but there are still important things we bet each one could learn about you.

By sharing why you chose to support The Communication Center of State Services for the Blind through your will and estate plan, you help your loved ones understand your commitment to providing life-changing services that help Minnesotans live, work, read and succeed.

3. The Gift of Giving Back

If you choose to support us through a gift in your will, you are putting your values into motion beyond your lifetime. A gift in your will does not affect current finances, making it a popular giving choice for our dedicated supporters.

By gifting your connection to us to your loved ones and your community, you provide a way for them to feel close to you—and for us to continue to benefit from your compassion for years to come.

To explore ways your will and estate plan can include a gift to support our mission, contact Angela Bodensteiner, using the details on the back.

What's Better Than Having a Plan? Sharing It

Creating your will and estate plan is a meaningful step toward protecting the people and causes you care about most. But one of the truly impactful things you can do is talk about it.

We understand if this makes you feel uneasy. Even thinking about discussing what you want to leave to whom, in addition to other estate matters, can be tough.

But by sharing your plans now, you can reduce confusion, avoid conflict and give your loved ones the clarity and confidence that comes with having a road map of your wishes.

Who Should Know?

1. Your loved ones and heirs.

Share your intentions and values with them. You can explain what matters most to you or how you want to be remembered.

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- so you ensure they understand their roles and why you chose them.

Tips for a Stress-Free Chat

- Create an outline or summary of your thoughts, so you can refer back to it if you need help.
- Choose a comfortable, familiar setting to meet.
- Be sure to share the “why” behind your decisions. Encourage your loved one to ask questions, then be willing to follow up.
- Don't worry about complicated legalities. Focus on communicating how much the person means to you.

Having these conversations is an act of care. They bring your plan to life and give others a clear understanding of your heart, your values and your vision for the future.

 Information is available in alternative formats such as braille, large print, audio and e-text.

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