

Helping Hand Home for Children Planned Giving FAQs

1. **Q: *What is a planned gift?***

A: A planned gift is any gift that you plan today to make in the future. When you make a planned gift you generally give no money today. Instead, your planned gift is given with tomorrow's money/assets.

2. **Q: *Should I make my planned gift to "Helping Hand Home for Children"?***

A: No, it is preferable to make your planned gift to "Helping Hand Home for Children FOUNDATION". The Foundation is the entity (a separate 501(c)(3) corporation) that holds long-term funds for the benefit of the Home.

3. **Q: *Why does the Home need planned gifts?***

A: As a charitable institution begun in 1893, the Home has provided many generations of children a safe place and the care they need. We do not know the needs of future generations of children, but we do know there will always be children in need of care and treatment from the tragedies they have suffered. The Home must have funds to ensure it will continue to care for these children long after we are gone. State funding is insufficient and can be unreliable. Planned gifts ensure the future of Helping Hand Home for Children.

4. **Q: *What are the kinds of planned gifts?***

A: The **BEQUEST** in a will is the most common type of planned gift. Consult your attorney for this type of planned gift.

Other types of planned gifts are:

- 1) An **IRA** (or a portion of an IRA) designated by the owner to the Home's Foundation upon the donor's passing
 - a. This is an easy type of planned gift you can make today without hiring a lawyer.
 - b. This type of planned gift can be made by simply changing your IRA beneficiary designation to include the Home's Foundation.
- 2) A **Life Insurance Policy** (or portion of a policy) designated by the owner to the Home's Foundation upon the donor's passing
 - a. This is another easy type of planned gift you can make today without hiring a lawyer.
 - b. This type of planned gift can be made by simply changing your insurance policy beneficiary designation to include the Home's Foundation.
- 3) The **remainder interest in your home** left to the Home's Foundation is a way of giving a valuable planned gift. Consult an attorney for this type of gift.
- 4) A **charitable gift annuity** to the Home's Foundation, while requiring a current gift of cash, securities or other assets by the donor, gives the donor an income stream for her life paid by the charity and may allow the donor to receive a tax deduction in the year the gift is given. The remainder of the gift goes to the Home when the donor passes. Consult an attorney for this type of gift.
- 5) There are also other types of planned gifts which an attorney can assist with.

5. **Q: *I buy a table every year at Champions for Children. Why should I also make a planned gift?***

A: Gifts to Champions for Children are in the Home's current operating budget and are, in most years, spent in the year they are received. These gifts are made with "today's" money. Planned gifts are generally not paid in the year they are made, but instead are paid

with “tomorrow’s” money. The Home needs both types of gifts; the first to pay the current year’s bills, and the second to ensure the future of the Home.

6. Q: What do I do once I have made a planned gift to the Home’s Foundation?

A: Go to the Home’s website and click on “Already made a planned gift to the Home” and fill out the non-financial questions. You will be welcomed into the **Circle of Hope!**

7. Q: Why do I need to let the Home know when I’ve made a planned gift to the Home’s Foundation?

A: We ask that planned gift donors let the Home know so that they can be included in the Home’s **Circle of Hope**. First, (and very importantly) your thoughtful generosity *may inspire others* to make a planned gift to the Foundation. And second, you will be invited to the annual reception honoring **Circle of Hope** members and honored in other ways throughout the year.

8. Q: Is the Circle of Hope only for HHH Society members, or can you be a member of the COH without being a Society member?

A: The Circle of Hope recognizes **ANYONE** who has let the Home know that they have made a planned gift or a lifetime gift to the Home’s Foundation. Currently, there are several members of the COH who are not Society members.

9. Q: Do I have to designate a specific Fund within the Home’s Foundation to receive my planned gift?

A: No, you do not have to designate a specific Fund within the Foundation. However, doing so will help the Home more specifically carry out your wishes. The two Foundation Funds recommended for planned gifts are 1) The Helping Hand Home for Children Foundation **HERITAGE FUND**, and 2) The Helping Hand Home for Children Foundation **GENERAL FUND**.

10. Q: What is the difference between the two recommended Foundation Fund options for my planned gift; i.e., “The Helping Hand Home for Children Foundation HERITAGE Fund” and “Helping Hand Home for Children Foundation GENERAL Fund”?

A: The primary difference between these two Foundation Funds is in how the original value of your gift is treated. In the *Foundation’s HERITAGE Fund*, the original value of your gift *may be spent ONLY IF* an emergency threatens the existence of the Home. This Fund operates more like an endowment fund except that the original value of your gift will be spent in an emergency as determined by 90% of the Home’s Board of Directors. If you give your planned gift to the *Foundation’s GENERAL Fund*, the original value of your gift may be spent *at any time* upon approval of the Home’s Board of Directors. **From a long-term perspective, a gift to the Foundation’s HERITAGE Fund could be seen as being of greater value to ensure the future of Helping Hand Home for Children. However, the type of planned gift made by a donor to the Foundation should be based on the effect the donor desires to have on the Foundation and the Home; i.e., do you want the original value of your gift to be available to be spent at any time, or do you want the original value of your gift to be held (with the exception noted above) and only the revenue spent?**