

## HOPE SERVICE DOGS, INC, 501 (C)(3) NON-PROFIT

Leave a legacy; make a mark on the world that cannot be erased. – Maya Angelou



A legacy is a memorialization, an investment in the future. It allows remembrance. A charitable bequest is the simplest form of legacy gifting. In a will, particular assets, a fixed dollar amount, or even a percentage or the remainder of an estate can be given to Hope Service Dogs, Inc, 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit.

Your legacy will help individuals with disabilities access a service dog required to improve their life. It will allow HSD to continue the Warrior Program, pairing service dogs with veterans, and the Hope for the Future Scholarship for training service dogs.

HSD does not provide tax or legal advice and the information herein is not intended as legal, tax, or investment advice. Please contact a tax advisor or an estate-planning attorney for information specific to your situation.

### Hope Service Dogs, Inc Legacy Giving Information

#### Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from the estate to a charitable organization through the last will and testament. There are different kinds of bequests. Specific language to indicate the precise direction of your final wishes. In a charitable bequest, name the recipient accurately and include the organization's address and federal tax identification number. This information is available in HSD's "Declaration of Intent".

#### Do you have an estate?

An estate is the sum of all assets, including property, insurance policies, retirement accounts, cash on hand, etc. Wealthy people may have very large estates, but many Americans have the resources to make a charitable bequest. If every adult in America bequests \$100 to charity, billions of dollars would support causes annually.

#### Bequests

Carefully review the terms with a professional trained in handling trusts and estates.

General Bequests designate a specific dollar amount, particular asset or fixed percentage to the chosen cause.

Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose.

Residuary Bequests are a portion of assets after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Contingency Bequests provide to a particular charity if your named beneficiary does not survive you.

#### Why a Will is Needed

Without a will, there is no guarantee that your final wishes will be met. Some steps you should take to make sure your wishes are granted include the following:

- Set an appointment with a financial analyst/attorney, set up an appointment with/notify HSD of your intention to designate/support. The accountant or attorney will guide you through the process.
- a list of organizations or causes that you would like to support.
- a detailed list of your assets (financial, real estate, vehicles, jewelry, collectibles, etc.)

Please take this information to your professional advisor who can contact HSD for any needed information at (352) 278-7404 or via email at [Victoria@HopeServiceDogs.org](mailto:Victoria@HopeServiceDogs.org), or print, complete and mail the pdf form and we will contact you.

Thank you for your generous support of HSD

Federal Tax Identification Number is 83-2116761.

Official registration/financial information may be obtained from

Division of Consumer Services (800) 435-7352.

Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state of Florida.



## Declaration of Intent

I/We intend to provide support for the mission and goals of Hope Service Dogs, Inc with one or more of the following planned gifts.

1. My/our gift is made through: (choose one below)

Bequest commitment in my/our will(s)

Life income plan (specify type such as retirement plan, IRA, etc)

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The current estimate of the value of this gift is: \_\_\_\_\_

3. This pledge is to be used for: (choose one below)

Unrestricted – Hope Service Dogs, Inc may use this gift as needed

Restricted – please use this gift for the purpose or program as described herein:

4. This Declaration of Intent is a reflection of my/our present plans and is subject to revocation or modification any time. It is not legally binding on my/our estate. I/We have attached a copy of the portion of my/our will living trust that describes my/our provision that will support the mission and programs of Hope Service Dogs, Inc.

5. Because I/We have made a planned gift: (choose one below)

Please include me/us without disclosure of the amount of my/our gift in the Hope Service Dogs, Inc Legacy Club. I/We would like my/our names to appear as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please do not list my/our names in the Hope Service Dogs, Inc Legacy Club.

6. I/We confirm this planned gift commitment:

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_