



Calvary Women's Services

*Ending homelessness. Inspiring hope.
Transforming lives.*

Planned Giving

At Calvary Women's Services, we believe that all women can transform their lives and end their homelessness for good. We offer personal support to assist women in achieving their personal goals for housing, health, employment, and education.

Your Legacy

Bequests and other planned gifts help you create a legacy. You can remember loved ones in special ways, perpetuate your values and help shape the future of charitable organizations that have been important to you and your family.

Planned giving is not exclusively for people who are wealthy or notable philanthropists. No matter the size, your planned gift to Calvary Women's Services will provide life-changing opportunities for women for years to come.

Why Calvary?

With a planned gift to Calvary you can:

- Provide a safe home for women leaving violent relationships
- Open doors for women re-entering the workforce
- Create stability for women who struggle with mental illness or addictions

- Improve the lives of women and their families through education programs
- Ensure that you will have a lasting impact on the community for generations to come

As a donor, you control your gift. You can designate it with a specific purpose in mind, or you can make an unrestricted gift to be used where it is needed most.

Bequests

Perhaps the easiest and most common way to make a planned gift is through your will. A bequest in a will spells out your plans to provide support beyond your lifetime. There are tax benefits associated with these gifts. Charitable bequests are not subject to federal estate taxes, which for taxable estates can take up to half of the total value.

A bequest lets you balance generous philanthropic goals with concerns that you might have about living expenses, future medical bills and loved ones. Since you are not actually making a gift today nor giving the asset away irrevocably, you are assured of having enough resources for the future. A bequest allows you the flexibility to use your assets if you need them. ▶

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- There are tax savings. Your estate is entitled to an estate and gift tax charitable deduction for your bequests to charitable organizations.

The following is language that we recommend you use to name Calvary Women's Services beneficiary of your will or codicil: "I hereby give, devise, and bequeath _____ (specific dollar amount or a percent of the residue of the estate) to Calvary Women's Services located at 1217 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, D.C. Calvary Women's Services federal tax identification number is 52-1307706." If you designate that Calvary Women's Services is to receive real estate, please state in your will or codicil that the property is to be sold through your estate and Calvary Women's Services is to receive the proceeds from its sale.

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► **Bequests (continued)**

To make a bequest, you can either make a new will or draft a codicil (a type of amendment) to an existing will, or you can amend a revocable trust. The appropriate wording for making a bequest depends upon the type of gift, state law and your own unique circumstances.

If you make a bequest, it is helpful to let us know that Calvary is being named in your will. In this way you can be sure your bequest will be used in the manner you intend, and we can appropriately recognize your generosity during your lifetime.

Aside from the deep satisfaction found by leaving meaningful gifts to others, making a bequest to Calvary has several valuable benefits:

- It's easy. A few sentences in your will complete the gift.
- It's revocable. You are free to alter your plans at any time during your life.
- It's versatile. You can bequeath a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage or remainder of your estate.

Other Planned Giving Options

There are many other ways you may designate a gift to Calvary Women's Services after your lifetime, such as a contribution from a life insurance policy. You may also consider life income gifts, such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, which generally reduce or eliminate certain taxes. If you are interested in other planned giving arrangements, please contact Calvary Women's Services staff to discuss these options.

Recognition of your Gift

We want to thank you now. All donors who notify Calvary of a bequest or make other planned gifts will be recognized through our Legacy Society.

Questions?

We invite you to speak with us personally about the specifics of your situation and how you might create a lasting legacy at Calvary Women's Services. Please contact us to discuss your preferences for giving and recognition.

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