

Legacy of Faith

Christ-centered Estate Planning from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

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Utilize Retirement Accounts for Philanthropy



Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) is grateful for its faithful donors who have given generously through the years to ensure its Christ-centered services remain available for children and families in need throughout Missouri.

As you begin to develop your estate plans, please consider making a legacy gift to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. For many donors, a gift through their estate could be the most significant gift they are able to give, thereby providing the greatest impact on our mission. You can provide for PCHAS at your death without even changing your Will by changing the beneficiary designation of your retirement account.

Many donors are unaware that a charitable gift through a retirement account is also one of the most efficient ways to give. Here's why.

Retirement accounts accumulate pre-tax dollars. Pre-tax accumulation allows for the principal to grow quicker than if income taxes had to be paid each year. During the retirement years, account owners use these assets for their living expenses, but income taxes have to be paid as withdrawals are made. Often, the retiree's other income is reduced, so their tax bracket is now lower during retirement. Therefore, the tax triggered by distributions from their retirement account may be in the lowest tax bracket.

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Did You Make the Connection?

What began as a home for orphans in 1914 has grown over the years into a state-wide organization that provides not only a safe haven for children in need but also a broad range of services for children and families in crisis.

The early supporters of PCHAS decided to put their belief (that an orphanage was needed to care for children in Missouri) into action in ways that would live on well past their own lifetimes. Through prudent investments, their early gifts have continued to grow, and today, provide Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services with an important source of annual revenue.

So here's the connection. Helping to fund a **named endowment** for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services will connect your hearts with that of Presbyterians at the beginning of the 20th century. What could this connection mean to you? Do you love PCHAS and its commitment to help children in need? Do you believe that it can make a difference in peoples' lives? Have you thought about the fact that you won't live on this earth forever and that when you die, your assets will be distributed? Has it occurred to you that you can leave a legacy that will benefit generations to come? If not, consider the connection: a simple will ... Christ-centered services ... that change lives. What will your legacy be? Now that's something worth considering.

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Many times, retirement account owners die with large account balances. These balances are still pre-tax. Whomever receives a distribution at the account owner's death will be required to pay the income tax, based on the tax bracket of the recipient, which is often higher than the retiree's tax rate. In addition, the estate of the account owner may also be subject to estate tax. The combination of income tax and estate tax could cost up to 80% of the account balance, leaving far less to one's heirs.

In contrast, gifts left to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services are passed with no tax. Therefore, PCHAS will benefit at 100% of your legacy gift through your retirement account. If you would like to make a legacy gift to us, consider leaving some, if not all, of your retirement account to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. There will be no income tax or estate tax due on those assets, the gift will reduce your overall estate value subject to estate tax, and you will continue your generous support of PCHAS and future generations of children and families in need.

If you would like to further explore this or any other method of planned giving to continue your support of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services through your estate, please contact one of our local development officers or Mary Murawski, Senior Development Officer, at **800.383.8147** or Mary.Murawski@pchas.org.



Tell the Children

How one couple began the estate conversation with their children

To Our Dear Children:

We want to tell you about a decision we made recently and some of the reasons behind it. But first, we want you to know that we are very proud of you and thankful for the honor of being your parents. You bring us great happiness.

As we get older, we find ourselves thinking more and more about our estate - and what to do with these assets when we are gone. Our holdings, though modest by some standards, represent a lifetime of working, saving, and investing. We want to dispose of these things in the right way, not only for you, but for us as well as the legacy we desire to leave behind.

Our first responsibility, as you know, is to care for each other. If one of us should predecease the other, we want the remaining person to have enough assets to live comfortably and to meet any unforeseen emergencies. Because our estate plan addresses these matters, we are able to face the future with confidence, self-respect and the knowledge that we will not be imposing a burden on you or others for financial assistance.

Our second responsibility is to pass along to you, our precious children, a portion of our estate, in order to provide you with a final and tangible expression of our love. It is also a way for us to assist you in meeting some of the challenges and opportunities you will face. The nature and value of these estate gifts will depend, of course, on our needs, taxes and the future economy.

Our third concern -- and this is why we are writing this letter -- pertains to our involvement with Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. As you know, we have supported this children's agency for many years. We believe in its mission and want it to be financially strong so they can continue to make a positive impact in our community and for God's Kingdom.

We had thought of naming Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services in our will to receive a significant gift. But then we learned about a gift device called a "charitable remainder unitrust" that not only allows us to make a major gift now, but also provides us with additional income throughout the remainder of our lives. Every three months, we will receive income from the trust that we can apply to our needs.

We talked with our financial planner and tax advisor about all of this and they both agree that the plan makes good sense, not only from a tax standpoint, but also to safeguard our future income. We also checked with our attorney and received the green light as well. One of the nice features about this plan is that PCHAS' endowment will be strengthened to help provide wonderful Christ-centered services to children in need.

While funding the unitrust has reduced the size of our estate, we want you to know that we have not invaded what we planned to pass on to you. We also want you to know this planned gift has been a wonderful experience for us - the highlight of our lives as donors. To put it simply, we are thrilled!

Our hope is that someday you will have the opportunity and the inclination to do something similar with a portion of your own estate.

Affectionately,

Mom and Dad

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

PLANNED GIFT OPTIONS ON THE WEB

Our website provides helpful estate planning information to assist you in creating the plan that is right for you. Visit missouri.pchas.org and click **Donate**, then click **Planned Gifts**.

GIVING REAL ESTATE TO PCHAS – Get FREE information

If you would like additional information about giving real estate to PCHAS, Mary Murawski, Senior Development Officer, is available to talk with you *confidentially and without obligation*. Just email Mary.Murawski@pchas.org or call **314.989.9727**.



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