

Flexible Giving with a Will

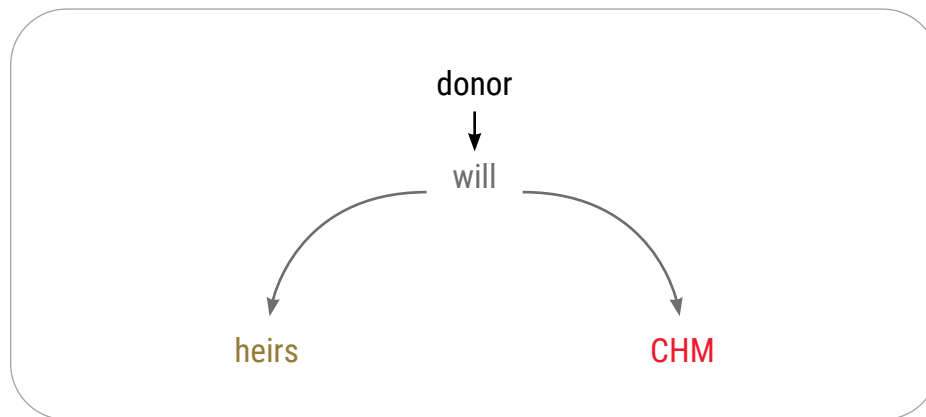
A gift in a will is a simple, revocable way to give to charity while retaining lifetime control of assets. The gift can be a specific sum, a percentage of assets, or the residue of the estate (what remains after all expenses and specific bequests have been satisfied).

Concept applied:

A donor can tailor a gift in a will to meet personal goals and make a meaningful charitable impact—all while retaining the ability to change the gift if future circumstances dictate.

How it works:

Walter Cyrus wants to include a significant charitable gift in his will. He makes specific gifts of his home, vacation home, and other assets to his two grown children—gifts that will create a substantial inheritance when combined with life insurance proceeds. Then, he makes a residual gift to his favorite charity—a gift of all assets that remain after expenses have been paid and specific bequests have been satisfied.



Why is it useful?

A gift in a will is simple and revocable. It is flexible in amount, form, and type of property. It can be outright or deferred. It can honor a loved one. And if a donor already has a will, there is no need to write a new one—it is easy to add a gift using a simple codicil.

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CHM: NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

From the telescope to the printing press to the steam engine, technological revolutions have always transformed the human condition. But never has there been a technological revolution set to change our world in pace, scope, and scale as the one in which we are currently immersed. Nonexistent only a lifetime ago, the forces of change brought on by the computing revolution are permanent, universal, and accelerating at an exponential rate. Great opportunities and great challenges have arisen on a scale never seen before.

This complex present and even more uncertain future requires a new citizenship—one that is equipped with knowledge, inspired by vision, and empowered to take action; one that values problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration; one that sets innovation and leadership in pursuit of equitable growth; and one committed to creating a sustainable future and improving the quality of life for this generation and the next.

CHM is in a unique position to empower people as catalysts for change inside our current technological revolution. CHM is using its extensive network and historical expertise amassed over four decades to promote a new citizenship for the digital age, bringing together companies and nonprofits, government leaders and policymakers, scholars and educators—because it will take all of us working together to build the future we envision.

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