

Professional **Fire Fighters** of Wisconsin Charitable **Foundation**

Champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities

Planned Giving Guide



Your Will and the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation

Your last Will and Testament is an important way to provide for family, friends, and charitable organizations when you pass on. When making your Will it is important to consult a legal advisor to ensure your wishes are legally recorded and reflect your wishes to leave a particular gift or portion of your estate to the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, Inc. (PFFWCF). If you've already prepared your Will and wish to make additions a simple codicil maybe all that is needed.

Benefits of including the PFFWCF in your Will include:

- The financial security of knowing your assets remain totally available to you during your lifetime.
- Retained control over the final distribution of your assets
- Potential estate tax savings

Bequests may include:

- A specific sum of money
- A percentage of an estate
- A particular asset such as property, works of art, shares of stock or a life insurance policy
- The residual of an estate (i.e. what remains after all other gifts and costs have been distributed)

One benefit of a gift through a Will is that it enables you to further the good works of an organization you volunteer with, support, or care about. A charitable bequest can also help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift.

Maintain a current inventory

People often fail to make a simple list of their valuable assets. Keeping a clear, up-to-date inventory can make the process of creating a Will much easier and less stressful. Tangible items may include, but are not limited to, the value of checking or retirement accounts, investment principal, certificates of deposit, jewelry or antiques.

Pay on death accounts

There are also ways to make a gift through your estate plan outside of your Will. Many states including Wisconsin allow P.O.D. (pay on death) accounts, allowing you to name a beneficiary of almost any financial account in your name: savings, checking, CD, etc., through a simple beneficiary designation. You can indicate your deposit will be "payable on death" to a charitable organization of your choosing while retaining the right to change or revoke the arrangement at any time.

When deciding to make a gift to the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation in your Will, you have the opportunity to make your wishes known about future use of the gift. Therefore, in addition to seeking assistance from a trusted legal advisor, it is beneficial to discuss your intentions with the PFFWCF's Executive Director before arrangements are finalized. This helps to ensure that PFFWCF will be able to utilize the funds in accordance with your specific wishes.

The mission of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is to champion community risk reduction initiatives; promote fire safety and prevention; and deliver meaningful support to burn survivors, fire fighters and communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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RECOGNITION

Upon receiving notice that you have chosen to include us in your Will, you become a distinguished member of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation's Eternal Flame Legacy Society — a membership reserved for Legacy Gift donors.

ETERNAL FLAME SOCIETY Membership

Please complete this form and send to our office, or call us at (608) 630-8440

I already qualify for Membership:

- ☐ I have named the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation in my Will or estate plan
- ☐ I have named the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation the beneficiary of another gift plan.
- ☐ Other (*please specify*)

I need more information about the Eternal Flame Society:

- ☐ Please send me information on how to include the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation in my Will.
- ☐ Please send me information about charitable gifts to the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation that provide income for my lifetime.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email

Thank You! Your generosity makes a difference and changes lives.