

*Might it have started the first time we took a deep breath and blew out the candles, or perhaps it was when we gazed upon a lone star in a dark sky? We would quietly make a wish and take care to tell no one, in hopes that the wish would come true.*

*Wherever it began, the practice of keeping our most personal hopes and dreams to ourselves is a tradition that Americans, in large number, tend to revive when it comes to a final communication with friends and loved ones.*

*This final communication is called The Last Will and Testament. Regardless of how we've come to view this document, it is a final opportunity to give specific expression to personal wishes.*



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## Do You Need a Will?

Many people, especially young individuals and those who feel that their estate is too small, believe that a Will represents an unnecessary expense. But the preparation of a Will need not be expensive.

Even when property distribution issues are not numerous, a Will is the legal avenue through which a number of other issues should be addressed:

- Naming an executor
- Naming a legal guardian for minors
- Making gifts or transfers
- Reducing estate tax liability

In the absence of a Will, the state will resort to a formula. A judge will name an executor, a bond may have to be posted, the court will name a guardian and a formula will determine asset distribution.

## The Bequest

The charitable bequest affords a way for virtually anyone to express specific philanthropic wishes. In fact, the bequest is the most frequently utilized method to support charity in America.

A bequest may take on a number of forms, including naming:

- a specific dollar amount,
- a percentage of the estate,
- specific assets.

The philanthropic spirit is given a voice when wishes are expressed in the Will. While many may think philanthropy is reserved for a select few, the truth is that every bequest to this organization makes a mark that will last throughout history.

If you would like more information on Wills, including sample language for making a charitable bequest to support the CHP 11-99 Foundation, please complete and send us this form.

## For More Information ...

I have reviewed your brochure on Wills and Bequests and:

- I would like to speak with an 11-99 Foundation representative to receive additional information.
- I would like to receive information on other charitable tax planning options.

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