

Legacy Giving: Making a Gift in Your Will/Trust

Why do you need a will?

Because it allows you to:

- Direct the division of your property the way you choose—not the way the state decides
- Make special financial arrangements for your family members who are minors, disabled or unfamiliar with money management
- Name a guardian for your minor children
- Select an executor (personal representative) who is well-qualified to settle your estate promptly and economically with careful attention to your wishes
- Provide vital support for your favorite charitable institutions
- Devise an estate plan, with the help of a qualified attorney and other advisors, to minimize the taxes on your estate
- If you leave this world without a last will and testament, your assets will be distributed according to state law and your wishes may not be fulfilled. Likewise, when a change occurs in your life, be sure to update your will/trust. These are the most important documents you can own.

How do I get started?

You need only a few sentences in your will to make the ultimate gift. If you're interested in adding SSM Health to your will, the official bequest language is:

*"I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to SSM Health
[written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property]
for its unrestricted use and purpose."*

For questions or more information, [contact your local SSM Health Foundation](#).