

## Last Will and Testament

I, John Smithson, an adult residing at 123/456 North Town Road, Santa Monica, California, of sound mind, declare this to be my Last Will and Testament. I revoke all previous wills previously made by me.

I appoint Johnson Smithson as my executor. He/she be permitted to sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property of which I am the owner, and if necessary, to execute any instrument in writing, and to sue and be sued, and to do all things that may be necessary or proper to carry out the duties of my office as executor, without seeking reimbursement, and without the posting of bond.

I direct my Personal Representative to pay my last illness, and funeral expenses, and my taxes, state and federal, and all other debts and liabilities, without seeking reimbursement, and if necessary, to execute any instrument in writing, and to sue and be sued, and to do all things that may be necessary or proper to carry out the duties of my office as executor, without seeking reimbursement, and without the posting of bond.

I give, devise, bequeath, and assign to my wife, Anna Smithson, all of my real and personal property, and give my executor the authority to sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property of which I am the owner, and if necessary, to execute any instrument in writing, and to sue and be sued, and to do all things that may be necessary or proper to carry out the duties of my office as executor, without seeking reimbursement, and without the posting of bond.



### **A Bequest to Further Good Work**

Joe and Anna were volunteers for many years with the Preeclampsia Foundation. They already made regular donations in memory of a lost daughter, but wanted to do more. They learned that they could help by making a bequest.

Their attorney revised each of their wills to include a provision gifting a percentage of their estate to the charity. Joe and Anna like the fact that the bequest was easy to do, they could continue to use their assets during their lives, and their estate would be permitted a charitable deduction at their death. Best of all, they would help achieve their goals to help moms and babies affected by preeclampsia far into the future.

**What LEGACY will you leave?**

# Will you leave a legacy?

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make — and one with lasting impact on the lives of others. With the help of an attorney or financial planner, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to family, friends, or the Preeclampsia Foundation as part of your estate plan. A Bequest may be made in several ways:

- Gift of a percentage of your estate
- Gift of a specific asset, such as an IRA or Insurance Policy
- Gift of the residue of your estate

Certain types of property pass outside of a will or trust. These assets require that you name a beneficiary by completing a beneficiary designation form. To make a bequest of these assets, you should contact the company or entity from which you purchased the assets. Below are a couple of examples:



## Bequest of an IRA

A retirement asset like an IRA account makes an excellent bequest to charity. If the IRA were given to your family, much of the value would be depleted through estate and income taxes. By designating the Preeclampsia Foundation as the beneficiary of part or all of your IRA, the full value of the gift is transferred tax free at your death and your estate receives a charitable deduction. If you wish to leave your IRA to your spouse at your death, you may also designate the Foundation as the secondary beneficiary of your account. Contact your IRA or financial advisor to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest from your IRA.

## Bequest of Insurance Policy

An insurance policy makes a nice bequest to charity. As an asset of your estate, an insurance policy is taxable at your death. However, if the policy is gifted to the Preeclampsia Foundation, your estate avoids paying tax on the value of the policy and receives a charitable deduction for the gift. You may generally name anyone as a beneficiary of your insurance policy and change your designation at any time. Contact your insurance company to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest of your policy to help those affected by preeclampsia.



## **We all desire significance — to lead happy and fulfilled lives surrounded by family and friends.**

For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference — to leave a lasting impact on the people most dear to us and the world in which we live. The search for significance and desire to plan for the future leaves many to wonder about their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave? A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. A bequest may also be an effective way to make a gift to the Preeclampsia Foundation and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and estate.

## **Leave a legacy. Please remember the Preeclampsia Foundation in your will.**

A charitable bequest is a bequest written in a will or trust that directs a gift to be made to a qualified exempt charity when you pass away. One benefit of a charitable bequest is that it enables you to further the good work of an organization you support long after you are gone. Better yet, a charitable bequest to the Preeclampsia Foundation can help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift. With careful planning, your family can also avoid paying income taxes on the assets they receive from your estate.

To leave a gift in your will for the Preeclampsia Foundation, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:

**“I bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate to the Preeclampsia Foundation, 3840 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, #104, Melbourne, FL 32934.”**

Our corporate tax ID number is 91-2073087. Once you’ve included the Foundation in your will, or if you have any questions, please contact us:

- Email us your intent to leave a bequest at [giving@preeclampsia.org](mailto:giving@preeclampsia.org)
- Go to <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/LegacyBequest> and complete form

You can imagine a world where preeclampsia no longer threatens the lives of moms and babies. Your legacy will help make this a reality!

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