



Have you ever wondered how the people and charities you care about will fair when you are no longer here to help them?

A good way to make certain that your values live on is by writing down what's important to you. Another is by making provisions in your estate plan to have your charitable support continue.

By making a “planned gift” — a gift through your estate — to Gift of Life Howie’s House, you will help to ensure that we can maintain our affordable fees and broad array of services for all who need us, both now and in the future.

You can ensure our future with a gift that costs nothing now.

Since opening our doors in 2011, Gift of Life Howie’s House has provided over 85,000 nights of affordable lodging, 306,000 home-cooked meals, free transportation and other supportive services to over transplant families. Each night, House guests sleep well knowing that their needs are being met as their loved one goes through the process of qualifying for, receiving, and recovering from an organ transplant.

To help lighten the financial and emotional burdens of transplant care on families, the nightly rate at Gift of Life Howie’s House is only \$40 per room, each room housing up to four people. This modest fee includes lodging, meals, transportation, and many other services. However, our actual cost to provide these services is over \$180 per night. To bridge this gap, we depend on ongoing charitable support from those who care about our mission, so that no family is turned away due to their inability to pay.

By making a “planned gift” — a gift through your estate — you can ensure the future success of Gift of Life Howie’s House and have the satisfaction of knowing that your values will live on.

Making a planned gift is easy.

Planned gifts can take many forms including cash, stocks, bonds, or other property. People who make charitable gifts through their estate plans may find that they are able to commit to larger gifts than they thought possible. And there are often tax advantages that benefit the donor, the estate and the beneficiaries.

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Four easy steps to making a planned gift

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1. Bequests – Name us as a beneficiary when you write your will or, if you already have a will, add a codicil amending it to include us.

Bequests can be a percentage of the remainder of your estate or a specific dollar amount. You can also make your bequest contingent upon the death of your spouse or another beneficiary.

Sample language for making a bequest:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Gift of Life Howie’s House, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization located at 401 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123, EIN 26-0585694, or its successor-in-interest, [insert dollar amount or percentage] for its unrestricted use and purposes.”

2. Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) – In return for your irrevocable gift to us of cash or stock, we agree to pay you an annuity (a fixed rate of return) over your lifetime. Annuity rates are based on the age of the person receiving the annuity.

You may be entitled to receive a tax deduction for your gift the year it is made, and there may be other tax benefits if your gift included appreciated assets. Annuity payments may be partially tax free.

3. Life Insurance Policies – Name us as a beneficiary to a new or existing life insurance policy by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your insurer.

4. IRAs and other Qualified Retirement Plans – Designate us to receive all or part of your IRA or other qualified retirement plan.

Enjoy recognition during your lifetime as a Gift of Life Howie’s House Legacy Society Member.

Donors who notify us that they have made planned gifts will be recognized — during their lifetimes — as members of our prestigious Gift of Life Howie’s House Legacy Society. Members will be recognized in the quarterly newsletter and on our website, and will be invited to our yearly President’s Appreciation Breakfast.

While gifts of all amounts are appreciated, donors who have made planned gifts of \$10,000 or more will also be recognized on our Legacy Society Wall located in the House.

Start planning for the future, today!

To speak with a member of our development team about planned giving options please contact us at 267-546-9812 or by email at info@GiftofLifeHowiesHouse.org. **You should consult with your tax advisor to determine the degree to which your gift may result in tax advantages to you, your estate, and your beneficiaries.**

The official registration and financial information of Transplant House (d/b/a Gift of Life Howie’s House) may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Membership Form

The **Gift of Life Howie's House Legacy Society** is a program that recognizes those who have included Gift of Life Howie's House in their long-term plans through a bequest provision in their will or trust, a life-income gift or other deferred gift. Please fill out the form below for membership.

Today's Date: _____

Contact Information:

Name [Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.] _____ **Date of Birth:** __/__/__

Name [Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.] _____ **Date of Birth:** __/__/__

Primary Address _____ **City/State/Zip** _____

Contact Email _____ **Contact Phone** _____

I/we have included Gift of Life Howie's House in my/our will:

A specific bequest of \$ _____

A percentage bequest of _____% Estimated value \$ _____

Other (please describe): _____

and/or

Planned gifts can take many forms. Please use this section to let us know if you have made additional plans to support Gift of Life Howie's House:

A life insurance policy

Death benefit \$ _____ Current cash surrender value \$ _____

Primary beneficiary Secondary beneficiary (please check one)

A Qualified Retirement Plan (IRA, 401k, 403b):

Foundation interest _____% Current market value of plan \$ _____

Primary beneficiary Secondary beneficiary (please check one)

Charitable Remainder Unitrust or Annuity Trust

Interest _____% Current market value of trust \$ _____

Testamentary Charitable Lead Trust

Interest _____% Expected payout \$ _____

Other (please describe): _____

If possible, please provide more details (approximate amounts, etc.) about your estate provision or other planned gift for Gift of Life Howie's House:

Estimated total amount of bequest designated to Gift of Life Howie's House: \$ _____

Documentation

I/we included a copy of the portion of the will or the trust agreement or Designation of Beneficiary Form (401k, 403b, IRAs, Insurance) that applies to Gift of Life Howie's House in which the House is named.

-Or-

At a later date, I/we will send the portion of the will or the trust agreement or Designation of Beneficiary Form (401k, 403b, IRAs, Insurance) that applies to Gift of Life Howie's House in which the House is named.

Other information Gift of Life Howie's House should know about my gift:

Membership Authorization and Release

Pledgor or donor names(s) listed below will be included in the listing of the Legacy Society members. Members who have made commitments of \$10,000 or more will have their name and giving level added to the special Legacy Society Wall in the House living room (specific gift amounts will be kept confidential).

Yes! Please publish my/our name as follows: _____

I authorize Transplant House d/b/a Gift of Life Howie's House and its designated affiliates to use, disclose and publish the name(s) as listed above in connection with the Legacy Society and Legacy Society Wall for the purposes of awareness, development and promoting the mission of Gift of Life Howie's House and organ and tissue donation.

I/we prefer that my/our name not be published and remain as an anonymous member of the Legacy Society.

You should consult with your tax advisor to determine the degree to which your gift may result in tax advantages to you, your estate, and your beneficiaries.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this form to: Gift of Life Howie's House, Attn: Sara Cohen, Development Director
401 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123**

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