

What does your will say about you?



Ripples of Good for Generations

What do you want future generations to know about you?

Does your will tell your story?

You probably already know how you'd like to be remembered many years from now. If you want to leave a legacy as a voice for vulnerable children—as a generation-changer—I would be honored to help you achieve that goal.

CASA of Lexington's volunteers advocate through the family court system to ensure all victims of child abuse and neglect are safe and thrive in a permanent home. If you are passionate about breaking the cycle of child abuse, leaving a charitable bequest is a way to ensure that CASA of Lexington can continue its life-changing work for years into the future.

In this booklet, you'll find everything you need to begin exploring a bequest to CASA of Lexington. On the next page, you'll see more information about CASA at a glance (I can tell you much more in person). The Myth Versus Fact sheet dispels some common misconceptions about bequests. Finally, you can [get in touch here](#) to begin a conversation with me. My contact info is below for you as well.

If you know you'd like to leave a bequest in your will, you can consider the following sample language for your will:

"I give the sum of \$___ or ___% to CASA of Lexington, Inc, 3245 Loch Ness Drive, Lexington, KY 40517 (Tax ID: 61-1339185) to be used for the furtherance of its charitable purposes in the discretion and at the direction of its board of directors for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance as you plan the legacy you'll leave for generations to come. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours gratefully,



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Serving abused and neglected children in
Fayette, Bourbon, Woodford, Scott,
Jessamine, Garrard and Lincoln counties

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CASA Volunteers Support Kentucky's Most Vulnerable Children

CASA of Lexington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and one of around 950 Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs in 49 U.S. states. CASA volunteers provide a voice and much-needed support for Kentucky's most at-risk children.

We recruit, train and support CASA volunteers, who are appointed by judges to cases involving child abuse and neglect. The volunteers' reports and recommendations inform the judge's decisions and help the children return to safe, permanent homes.

Our Mission Statement

CASA of Lexington's trained and supervised volunteers advocate through the family court system to ensure all victims of child abuse and neglect are provided a safe and permanent home.

What a CASA Volunteer Does

- Visits with the child regularly
- Interviews people involved in the child's life
- Monitors the child's home environment
- Participates in treatment planning conferences
- Makes recommendations to the judge
- Helps ensure court orders are being followed
- Remains on the same case until it is closed



CASA volunteers walk alongside abused and neglected children as they navigate a chaotic world filled with uncertainty.

What is the Need?

There are hundreds more children currently in the family courts of Fayette, Bourbon, Woodford, Scott, Jessamine, Garrard and Lincoln counties who could benefit from having a CASA volunteer. In 2023, there were 1,774 children who entered the family court system in these counties.

Impacts of CASA Advocacy

- Children spend less time in foster care
- Children are far less likely to re-enter care
- Children are more likely to receive services
- Children perform better academically

What Does it Cost?

We can provide a CASA volunteer to a child for one year for about \$1,000. By contrast, a month of foster care costs \$2,100. In 2023, we had 297 volunteers who advocated for 681 children. We are funded largely by donations, sponsorships and grants.

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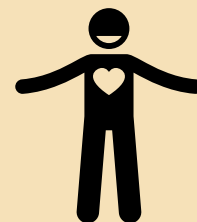
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FACT



"Charitable bequests are for the wealthy, not for people like me."

Anyone with a will can make a charitable bequest.



"Leaving a charitable bequest means cutting my family out of my will."

Typically, people consider bequests when there are assets remaining once loved ones are *already* taken care of.



"My small bequest would be embarrassingly insignificant."

Every gift matters, large or small. Your bequest is your legacy and is meant to be a source of pride.



"Leaving a charitable bequest is too complicated for me."

Bequests are only as complex as you need them to be. Simple sample language is included on page 1.



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