



Maine Women's Policy Center

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Seven Ways to Remember the Maine Women's Policy Center

There are many ways to remember the Maine Women's Policy Center in your estate plan, only a few of which involve any expense or professional fees. You may wish to consider one of the following options:

1. Amend an existing insurance policy to add the Maine Women's Policy Center as an additional beneficiary, or simply purchase a new one for our benefit.
2. Visit your personnel office and ask to amend your group life insurance policy or retirement plan to add the Maine Women's Policy Center as one of your beneficiaries. Or, add us as a recipient if another person predeceases you.
3. Instruct your lawyer to prepare a simple, inexpensive codicil to your existing will, creating a bequest for the Maine Women's Policy Center.
4. If you are disappointed with the income you are receiving from your long-term stocks or your certificates of deposit, consider the benefits of placing some of your assets in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Most likely, your lifetime income would increase. In addition, you would avoid capital gain taxes and receive a current income tax deduction for a portion of the gift. After your death, the remaining principal could be used to create an endowment fund in your memory.
5. Deed your house to the Maine Women's Policy Center and continue to live in it. Your income tax savings from the gift may cover the legal costs.
6. Leave written or verbal instructions for your surviving spouse to include the Maine Women's Policy Center when redrawing his or her will (which will be necessary in any case).
7. If you have a sizable estate, let us show you how to create a trust which will pay an annual income to the Maine Women's Policy Center for a period of years, prior to distributing the principal to your children or grandchildren. The income we receive will create a charitable estate tax deduction. This technique may allow you to make a substantial gift at a cost as low as five cents on the dollar and avoid taxes which might otherwise claim as much as 60% of your estate.

There are many ways to benefit the Maine Women's Policy Center through planned gifts, some of which will provide you with positive benefits during your lifetime. Although we do not practice estate planning, we would be pleased to sit down with you, along with our financial advisor, and help you to get started with the process.

If you place the Maine Women's Policy Center near the top of your charitable priorities, we hope you will, at a minimum, consider naming us as a contingent beneficiary of your will, insurance, and retirement programs, to receive your estate only in the unlikely event that you outlive all of your heirs.

Please use the reply form to let us know how we can serve you, or call Sarah Standiford, Executive Director at the Maine Women's Policy Center, at 207.622.0851, ext. 20. And, thank you for your longstanding support of the Maine Women's Policy Center.

(Please complete and return this reply form.)

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Dear Friends at the Maine Women's Policy Center:

- Please contact me regarding one of the planned giving options mentioned above.
- I have included the Maine Women's Policy Center in my estate plans.
- Please send me information about the Maine Women's Policy Center.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Return this form to: Maine Women's Policy Center, P.O. Box 85, Hallowell, ME 04347.

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