

Create a Lasting Impact for Children in Foster Care

LEAVE A LEGACY OF *Hope*

By including CASA Kane County in your estate plan, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of children in foster care, ensuring they will always have an advocate to speak up for their best interests today, and for generations to come.



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
CASA KANE COUNTY

A charitable bequest is a gift to a nonprofit made through your will or living trust.

- It transfers after your death.
- It costs you nothing today.
- No assets are transferred during your lifetime.
- Your spending is not restricted.
- Amounts or percentages can be updated at any time.
- Estate planning attorneys recommend revising your will every 3-5 years or after a major life change.

SAMPLE LANGUAGE

"I give (dollar amount/percentage/the residue of my estate) to CASA Kane County, a nonprofit organization located at 1607 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174, Federal tax ID 36-3653491, to be used for its general purposes."

Estate Plan Gift Options

- Fixed dollar amount
- Percentage of your total estate
- Residuary (*whatever remains after all other gifts, debts, and expenses are settled*)
- Contingent (*a backup gift that activates only if your primary beneficiary predeceases you*)
- In-kind (*a gift of property rather than cash—real estate, stock, artwork, a vehicle, a collection*)

Tax Benefits



Estate tax deduction – charitable bequests are fully deductible from your taxable estate.



No capital gains on appreciated assets – If you leave stock, real estate, or other appreciated property directly to a charity, neither you nor the charity pays capital gains tax on the appreciation.

The Legacy of Hope Society

We are honored to recognize individuals who have included CASA Kane County in their estate plans as members of our Legacy of Hope Society.

Legacy Society members receive:

- Special recognition (*if desired*)
- Invitations to exclusive updates and gatherings
- The satisfaction of knowing their commitment will protect children for years to come



A Legacy That Changes Lives

When you leave a legacy gift to CASA Kane County, you are investing in:



Permanency for children



Advocacy that changes life trajectories



A stronger child welfare system in our community



Stability during uncertain times

Thank You to Our Legacy Giving Partners

We welcome you to contact one of our partners directly for information and guidance on your estate planning and charitable giving wishes.



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Your generosity today

builds brighter futures tomorrow!



If you would like to discuss your charitable goals or explore legacy giving opportunities, please contact Vicki Shaw at vickis@casakanecounty.org or visit <https://casakanecounty.org> to learn more.