

Next Steps

INCLUDE GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

By including Guide Dogs of America in your will or trust, you can have the satisfaction of knowing your legacy will forever transform lives.

When you are putting together your will or trust, below is sample language you can use. This gift would be unrestricted, which means Guide Dogs of America can use your gift to assist our most pressing needs. If you would like your gift to benefit a particular program or service, contact our development team.

"I give to International Guiding Eyes, Inc., dba: Guide Dogs of America (Tax ID #95-1586088) currently located at Guide Dogs of America, 13445 Glenoaks Boulevard, Sylmar, CA 91342, or its successor thereto, _____ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."*

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About Us

Founded in 1948, Guide Dogs of America has been transforming lives for over 70 years. Our hard-working dogs become trusted companions, bringing confidence, independence, and mobility to those we serve. All programs and services we offer are provided at no cost to the recipient.



WHO WE SERVE

- People who are Blind/Visually Impaired
- Veterans with PTSD/Mobility Limitations
- Children with Autism
- Facilities: Courtrooms, Hospitals, Schools

PARTNERS IN TRUST

Planned Giving Opportunities

"With the school expanding to help veterans and individuals with autism, I think it is one of the most worthwhile charitable enterprises, especially since these dogs are provided at no cost to their recipients"

— Marcia Goodman, Partner in Trust



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An International Guiding Eyes Program



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Guide Dogs of America



Tender Loving Canines

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A Plan That's Right For You

Thank you for considering a gift to help Guide Dogs of America. We know any support you give will be because you believe in what we do and you want to help make a difference today.

Our guide and service dogs work hard to create confidence and security for our clients. Our planned giving team has the same objective. We understand that planning for the future can be overwhelming. We work hard to design a gift that is right for you – allowing you to enjoy the peace of mind that comes with knowing your legacy and financial goals are secure.

Planned giving is the perfect way to leave a lasting legacy that will transform lives for years to come. The different gift options displayed in this brochure will offer you guidelines to support our mission while realizing significant financial and tax benefits.

PLAN AHEAD



	GIFT	GOAL	HOW	BENEFITS
DURING MY LIFETIME	Outright Gift of Cash	Quick and easy	Write a check to Guide Dogs of America or pay online guidedogsofamerica.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax deduction
	Gift of Stock or Other Securities	Eliminate capital gains tax	Contributing Mutual Funds or Securities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income tax deduction• Capital gains tax benefit
	Gift of Real Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid the hassle of real estate• Eliminate capital gains tax• Eliminate the costs of owning a property	Transfer the deed of the property to us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income tax deduction• Eliminate property tax• Eliminate capital gains tax• Avoid hassle
	Gift of Personal Property		Donate a valuable antique, works of art, cars, boats, and other personal property	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income tax deduction• Eliminate capital gains tax• Significant contribution without affecting cash flow
	Life Insurance	Make a large gift with little cost to you	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name us beneficiary of the policy• Make an outright gift of an existing policy• Make an outright gift of a new policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income tax deduction• Potential future deductions
	Charitable Lead Annuity Trust or Unitrust	Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to your heirs	Create a charitable trust that pays us fixed or variable income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces taxable estate• Property kept by your family• Often reduces gift taxes
	Charitable Remainder Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hedge against inflation• Pays you income	Create a trust that pays a fixed percentage of trust assets as revalued annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variable annual income for life• Income tax deduction• Eliminate capital gains tax
AFTER MY LIFETIME	Bequest in Your Will or Living Trust	Balance your commitment to family with a desire to support our organization	Name us in your will or trust by designating a specific amount, percentage, or a share of your residual estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donation is exempt from federal estate tax• Control of asset during lifetime
	Gift of Retirement Plan Assets	Eliminate twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans	Name us as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate heavily taxed gifts to heirs• Eliminate federal income and estate tax