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Please check one:

- Please send me a personal illustration of how wills and bequests could benefit my estate.
- I would like someone to contact me regarding a private and confidential visit about planning a gift from my estate.
- In confidence, I have already included my hometown in my will.

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## About the KRCF

The Kansas Rural Communities Foundation exists to help concerned individuals mobilize charitable giving to support the betterment of Kansas communities and organizations.

The KRCF is a nonprofit charitable corporation providing financial management, strategic development, and education/training services to communities, organizations, and donors throughout Kansas.

Started in 2006, the KRCF provides affiliated fund status, which allows communities and organizations to achieve nonprofit charitable status without forming their own nonprofit corporation.

For more information about the KRCF, call (785) 456-8444 or visit [www.thekrcf.org](http://www.thekrcf.org).

The single most important factor in community success is involvement of citizens in their community. Your gifts of time, talent, and dollars make a difference!

Please consider what a gift of wills and bequests would do for you and your community.

# Wills and Bequests

A Gift that Benefits

**Your Hometown**

A Gift that Secures

**Your Legacy**

A Gift that Doesn't

**Leave it all to Chance**



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# Wills and Bequests

Think of all the good things you have enjoyed — your family, friends, and hometown as well as the rewards for many years of hard work. Your will and bequest can help you celebrate your good life and share the fruits of your labor with those you love and care for.

## Secure Your Legacy

A will is much more than a legal document. It is an opportunity to responsibly provide for the security of your loved ones. It can be a lasting legacy of your life and commitment to your community.

Your will allows you to make choices regarding who will receive all the property you have accumulated during your lifetime. Without a will, the laws of the state of Kansas distribute your property, disregarding your personal wishes and the needs of your loved ones. Do you want to take the chance that the state of Kansas' plan is exactly as you would have intended?

Your will allows you to decide how your family's future security is provided. A properly drafted will allows you to make the choice of minimizing death taxes and other costs.

## Update an Existing Will

An outdated will can often be as bad as dying without a will. Common events in life, such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and retirements, can trigger the need to update your will. Also, the changes in tax law, an inheritance received, and assets purchased or sold, can impact your estate plan.

If you haven't reviewed your current will within the past 12 months, now would be a good time to read your will to make sure that it will still allow you to share the fruits of your labor with those you love and care for.

## Draft a new Will

Making a will is neither difficult nor expensive. Your first step is to make an appointment with your attorney to plan your will. If you do not have an attorney, ask a friend or relative to recommend one, call your local or state bar association, or call us at the KRCF.

The second step involves careful consideration of those people and institutions that are important to you. Caring for family, friends, your hometown, and others can be accomplished through your will.

## Include a Charitable Gift in Your Will

A bequest, which is a gift in your will, is an opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life in your hometown and continue the support you have provided during your lifetime. Many people discover that a bequest is a satisfying way for them to provide for future resources in their hometown.

Your bequest can be a percentage of your estate or a stated dollar amount. Others prefer to gift a percentage of the "residue," or what remains after paying all inheritances, debts, and costs.

Finally, there are special arrangements that allow you to make a gift that can provide income to your family and later be used by your hometown.