

A photograph of an elderly woman and a young girl smiling and touching noses outdoors. The woman is on the left, wearing a blue patterned scarf and a light blue patterned top. The girl is on the right, wearing a pink and white plaid shirt and denim overalls. They are both smiling and touching their noses. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

THE **G.I.F.T.** SERIES

GENERATING IMPACT FROM TREASURE

**THREE POWERFUL
LEGACY GIFT STRATEGIES**

Our actions are inspired by faith

PART I

For more than 75 years, our faith has inspired us to serve children close to home and around the world.

**Our core beliefs are simple:
We love God, and we love people.**

Your legacy gift is your faith in action.

These three legacy gift strategies put into practice your faith, wisdom, and passion to serve children and families by financially sustaining Bethany's mission—now and for generations to come.



We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

PSALM 78:4 NLT

Three powerful legacy gift strategies

1. THERE IS POWER IN REMEMBERING BETHANY IN YOUR WILL

Suggested bequest: I give to Bethany Christian Services, a nonprofit ministry with principal offices at 901 Eastern Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, the sum of (\$_____ or _____%) of the residue of my estate. I desire that these funds be used for (its general purposes or for the specific purpose of _____).

If, in its opinion, this specific purpose no longer exists, I authorize Bethany Christian Services to use these funds for a similar purpose.

2. THERE IS POWER IN HAVING A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

More than \$85 billion in charitable assets go toward Donor-Advised Funds in real estate, publicly traded stocks, cash, and other assets.

Why? Because Donor-Advised Funds allow you to transfer more of your wealth to charities you care about.

- When you give appreciated stock to your Donor-Advised Fund, the capital gains are not taxed. You can receive the full deductibility value of the gift, and the charity receives the full financial value of the gift.
- You may take the deduction in the same year you contribute the asset, or you may “carry forward” the deduction for up to five more years.
- You may continue to invest in the assets in your Donor-Advised Fund, and the growth is not taxable as income.
- Individuals, businesses, estates, trusts, foundations, and nonprofits can all give to a Donor-Advised Fund.
- You may instill a succession plan, so that your generous legacy and sound stewardship continues in perpetuity.

3. THERE IS POWER IN MAKING BETHANY A BENEFICIARY

You can name Bethany as a sole or shared beneficiary of your life insurance policy, your retirement assets like an IRA, 401(k), and other financial accounts.

Be sure to include the Legal Name, Address, and Federal tax ID number found on the back.



LEGAL NAME:

Bethany Christian Services

ADDRESS:

**901 Eastern Ave NE
PO Box 294
Grand Rapids, MI 49501**

FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER:

38-1405282

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES VISIT**

[Bethany.org/Legacy](https://bethany.org/legacy)

**FOR A REFERRAL TO FINANCIAL, TAX,
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