# We are here to help you

Harbor Humane Society is here to work with you and your legal advisors in designing a gift suited to your particular needs.

If you choose to leave a bequest, we will see that it is put to the greatest use in helping animals who cannot help themselves. Once you have made provisions for Harbor Humane Society in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can thank you now for your future support.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of **Harbor Humane Society** as you make plans for the distribution of your estate.

It is because of your kindness that we can continue to support our programs and services, including the receiving and adoption of animals, assisting low income pet owners, education outreach programs, and more.

Join our Legacy program, Circle of Life, today!

#### **Contact Us**

If you have any questions about making a bequest to Harbor Humane Society, please contact

(616)299-2119 ext. 111 development@harborhumane.org



**Information for your Legal Advisor** 

Our Legal Name
Harbor Humane Society

14345 Bagley Street West Olive, MI 49460

**Federal Tax ID** 

38-1623660 We are a tax exempt 501(c)3

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# ESTATE PLANNING

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## Your Will or Living Trust

Your will and trust allow you to distribute your property as you wish for family, friends and causes you believe in.

If you already have a will or trust, you can usually add or increase a charitable bequest with a simple one page amendment. And of course, no federal estate taxes will be due on the value of the bequest. You can:

- Designate a specific dollar amount or piece of property to be given to Harbor Humane Society.
- Designate a percentage of your overall estate.
- Name Harbor Humane Society as a contingent beneficiary, should one or more primary beneficiaries not survive you.
- If you choose to establish a pet trust, you can also name Harbor Humane Society as a contingent beneficiary upon the death of your pet(s).



The following are five common ways of making a bequest, along with suggested language:

#### **Donate a Percentage of Your Estate**

I give and bequeath % of my estate to Harbor Humane Society, a nonprofit organization located at 14345 Bagley Street, West Olive, MI 49460.

#### **Make a Specific Dollar Bequest**

I give and bequeath the sum of \$ to Harbor Humane Society, a nonprofit organization located at 14345 Bagley Street, West Olive, MI 49460.

#### **Make a Specific Gift of Property**

I give my property located at to Harbor Humane Society, a nonprofit organization located at 14345 Bagley Street, West Olive, MI 49460.

#### **Make a Residuary Bequest**

I give and bequeath all (or a specific percentage) of the residue of my estate to Harbor Humane Society, a nonprofit organization located at 14345 Bagley Street, West Olive, MI, 49460.

#### **Contingent Gift**

If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I give the residue of my estate to Harbor Humane Society.

### Other Options

#### Life Insurance Policies

Did you know you can name Harbor Humane Society as the primary or secondary beneficiary of all or a portion of your life insurance policy. If your policy is paid in full, you can donate the policy and receive a tax deduction now.

#### **Retirement Plans**

If you have an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) plan, you can name Harbor Humane Society as a primary or secondary beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds from your retirement plan. You can simply request a Change of Beneficiary form with your provider. Our tax identification number is 38-1623660.

#### Pooled Income Fund and Charitable Remainder Trusts

More sophisticated estate planning tools can also be used to help animals. These life-income gifts provide an annual payment to you for your lifetime as well as a charitable tax deduction. Please contact our development office for a more detailed explanation.

