

Opportunities

A resource on financial information for friends of Otterbein Homes



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A Veranda for Vera

Otterbein Cridersville resident Vera Evans is a charming, active and vivacious person. Just scheduling time with her is a challenge because she is always busy—whether celebrating a birthday party with family in Minnesota; traveling to Branson, Mo., with friends; or visiting one of her favorite places on earth, New York City. She is always a tough person to find at home. While we aren't revealing her age, let's just say that you would probably never be able to guess it accurately!

In all the hustle and bustle of life, her move to a home at Otterbein was a return to her roots. Raised just 20 miles from Lima in Gomer, Ohio, and teaching kindergarten in that area for 40 years means that “coming to Otterbein is like coming home,” Vera says.

“Otterbein has been good to me,” she adds. So when the opportunity arose to give a gift to support Otterbein's Wellness Center Campaign which will benefit others for years to come, Vera wanted to participate. The challenge was to discover a gift vehicle that would benefit Otterbein while honoring Vera's commitments and her desire to benefit her daughter, Barbara.

When Hodge Drake, Otterbein's regional development officer for the Cridersville area, met with her, he suggested a two-life gift annuity. He then met with Vera and her longtime friend and trust officer, Bob Shenk, to discuss the possibility. “This is a wonderful planned giving technique for

those who want to make a gift and retain cash flow for themselves and loved ones,” Bob says.

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This can be done for one annuitant, or in Vera's case, it became a wonderful opportunity to designate her daughter as the second annuitant. Annual gift annuity payments are based on the age(s) of the payment recipient(s)—the older the recipient(s), the larger the payments.

A substantial income tax deduction is allowed for a portion of the amount used to fund a charitable gift annuity. In addition, only part of the annual payments will be taxed as income for a number of years. If stocks or other property that has risen in value since purchase is given to set up a gift annuity, a portion of the capital gain is not taxed, and the remainder may be gradually reported over a period of time. If the donor and/or a spouse are the only



Vera Evans

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“The Gift You Leave Behind” Eight Ways to Create a Legacy



FREE Guide! Foolproof Ideas to Protect Loved Ones

Discover whether your will is a true testament to your wishes. Simply fill out and return the enclosed reply card for the free brochure, **Exercise Your Rights! Draft a Will.**

Of all the gifts you make, a bequest (a gift you designate in your will or trust) may be the most meaningful. You can remember loved ones in special ways, perpetuate your values and help shape the future of organizations that were important to you during your lifetime.

LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

A bequest can take many forms:

1. **A specific bequest** transfers a particular piece of property. If the specific property was disposed of before your death, no claim can be made to any other property.
2. **A general bequest** transfers a stated sum of money. If there is insufficient cash in your estate to cover the bequest, other assets must be sold for cash to pay the stated amount.
3. **A contingent bequest** requires a certain event to occur before distribution. You could bequeath funds to an individual provided he or she survives you; if not, the funds would then go to Otterbein Homes.

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payment beneficiaries, the amount used to fund a gift annuity is generally not subject to estate taxes that might otherwise be due.

Vera's generous gift provided a naming opportunity that helps support Phase II of Otterbein Cridersville's Wellness Center Campaign. This phase will provide for an exercise room, a warm water therapy pool and locker rooms. Phase I was the recently constructed Community Room that was completed and dedicated Aug. 16, 2007.

4. **A residuary bequest** transfers the “rest, residue and remainder” of your estate, or a percentage of the residue, after all other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid.

5. **An unrestricted bequest** allows the charity to use the assets in the most beneficial way.

6. **A restricted bequest** allows you to specify how the funds are to be used by the charity. Contact us to be certain your intent can be fulfilled.

7. **An endowed bequest** allows you to restrict the principal of your gift so only a small portion can be used by the charity each year, allowing the fund to last forever.

8. **An honorary or memorial bequest** is given to a charity to commemorate someone.

LET US KNOW

It is important to enlist the help of a qualified estate planning attorney when naming Otterbein Homes in your will. Please let us know when you have named us in your estate plans so we can thank you.

Vera's commitment allows her the opportunity to name the veranda that will surround the wellness area. The veranda will bring joy for many years to children and parents, grandparents and friends who will relax on Vera's Veranda as they visit with each other.

For more information about a gift annuity or another gift vehicle, please contact your regional director of development listed on the back page of this newsletter.

What Do You Have in Common With Abraham Lincoln?

What do Abraham Lincoln, Princess Diana, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Payne Stewart have in common? All are examples of lives that ended prematurely and without warning. Their tragedies serve as reminders to everyone that it is never too early to plan. In fact, there may be no better time than now, while the idea is fresh in your mind, to plan for your will. We would be glad to answer any questions and assist you and your advisors.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DIE WITHOUT A WILL?

More than half of all Americans die intestate (without a will). If you live in a state that has adopted the Uniform Probate Code, and nearly one-half of states have, it will dictate how your property is passed if you do not have a will.

As good as that Code may be, however, it cannot possibly reflect your specific wishes for family, friends and favorite charitable organizations you wish to support after you are gone.

For example, the Uniform Probate Code indicates the following:

- If there is a surviving spouse, all property passes to the spouse.
- If there is a surviving spouse and one child, half of your property passes to your spouse and the other half to the child.
- If there is a surviving spouse and two or more children, one third of your property passes to the spouse and the remainder is divided in equal shares among the children.
- If you do not have a spouse or children, your property will be evenly divided among your parents. If your parents are deceased, the property is evenly divided among the descendants of the parents.
- If there are no living relatives, the property reverts to the state.

DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY TO DRAFT MY WILL?

Experts agree that, although not legally required, it is wise to hire an attorney to draft your will so that it is legally acceptable and accomplishes exactly what you want it to do. For example, you may want your will to address some of the following objectives:

- Name the person—known as the executor—who will oversee the execution of the terms outlined in your will.
- Name a guardian and financially provide for those under your care.
- Distribute personal property to friends and family members as you may have promised during your life.
- Set up trusts to save taxes and provide financial management.

HOW DO I LEAVE GIFTS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN MY WILL?

If you know of a charitable organization whose mission you wish to support, make sure your intentions are precisely designated in your will.

One of the simplest ways to accomplish this goal is through a bequest. You can designate a specific item; a set sum of money; a percentage of your estate; or the remainder of your estate once other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid. In return, your estate receives an estate tax deduction for the amount of the gift.

In addition to a bequest in your will, trusts created by your will at death can be excellent ways to care for your loved ones and benefit Otterbein Homes. Several options are available, and we would be happy to discuss with you and your advisor the particulars of each option.

You are free to change your will at any time to keep up with changing relationships and situations.

Why I Am Making a Gift in My Will

Bequest:

To give or leave something by will, typically personal property or assets.

The following letter about a donor's reasons for making a charitable bequest reflects the typical thoughts and issues involved when a person takes advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

When you thanked me for including your organization in my will, I told you I would give you the reasons for my decision. Here they are.

I BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO

The values you espouse are values I want to see perpetuated in our society. I like your objectives, and I applaud the fact that you do not waste money in achieving them. I want to continue to support your worthwhile mission.

I WANT TO SAVE ON ESTATE TAXES

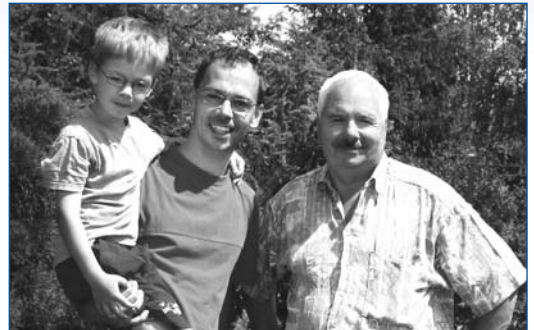
I would rather see you get my money than have it go to taxes. By making a gift to you, I am bringing my estate below the taxable level. I have made provisions for my heirs, and now this is a great way to ensure that the rest goes to a cause of my choosing.

IT GIVES ME FLEXIBILITY

I like the income tax break I get on my annual gifts to you, and I have always wanted to do more, but I like my "cushion." You never know what might happen. I might need that money someday. This way, if I need it, I can use it. I can change my mind about my will at any time. If everything goes as planned, however, that money will go to support your work.

I FEEL LIKE I AM LEAVING A LEGACY

By making a charitable bequest to your organization, I know that I'm doing something for those who come after me, and it is a good feeling! Thank you for showing me how to support a cause that I value—and for letting me do it my way.



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Exercise Your Rights!

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Enlist the
Power of
A Will

**A Safe Way to Ensure
Your Future and Ours**

- Please send me the **FREE** guide, *Exercise Your Rights! Draft a Will.*
- I'd like more information about estate and gift planning.
- I've included Otterbein Homes in my estate plans (and haven't previously notified you).

We respect your privacy! Information collected here will be kept strictly confidential. It will not be sold, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed, and it will not be used in ways to which you have not consented.

Name—Please print.

Telephone

E-mail

Address

City, State ZIP