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# Your Legacy and the Guttmacher Institute

The Guttmacher Institute envisions a future in which all people can realize their rights and access the resources they need to fully achieve sexual and reproductive health. This vision is grounded in human rights, which are under attack in the United States and globally. Guttmacher firmly believes that sexual and reproductive health is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity, but a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in all aspects of sexuality and reproduction.

## You can make this vision a reality.

Leaving a gift through a bequest in your will or trust, or by beneficiary designation on your retirement accounts, life insurance policies, bank or brokerage accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs) or donor-advised funds is an easy and impactful way to support Guttmacher's field-leading research, trenchant analysis, effective advocacy and broad-reaching public engagement for years to come.

By identifying Guttmacher as a beneficiary in your estate planning, you will join the Guttmacher Legacy Circle, ensuring that your values of defending sexual and reproductive health worldwide can carry on for generations.

# THE GUTTMACHER LEGACY CIRCLE

Guttmacher Legacy Circle members play an important role in securing the future of the Institute's vital work. When you make a planned gift, you join a group of leaders who recognize the enduring importance of the Guttmacher Institute's research and advocacy—a community of allies who are aware of the formidable challenges we face and are committed to helping us overcome them.

As a member, you will enjoy special recognition, including acknowledgments in select online and printed materials, and invitations to special events.

Enrolling in this honorary society is simply a matter of notifying the Institute that you have included Guttmacher in your will—no matter the size of your bequest. Please contact us at (212) 248-1111, ext. 5 or email developmentoffice@guttmacher.org to join the Legacy Circle.



"I've been an advocate for reproductive health, rights and justice long enough to know that the fight for reproductive rights doesn't have a foreseeable end. My husband and I are part of the Legacy Circle because we are fully confident in Guttmacher's resilience and commitment for the long haul."

Kathleen Randall, Legacy Circle Member

#### **UPHOLDING YOUR LEGACY**

Over the years, many people like you have supported the Institute by making a planned gift. By including the Institute in your estate plans, you will make a lasting gift that also has important implications for your future income, your current tax position and the size of your estate.

We know that making a decision about planned giving can be challenging and it is important to support an organization you can trust. Guttmacher has long been recognized as a high-performing nonprofit organization. We are proud of the fact that GuideStar named Guttmacher the nation's #1 reproductive health and rights organization, and other leading charity rating agencies like Charity Navigator consistently give Guttmacher high marks for transparency and financial management. With your generous pledge, the Institute will maintain its place as the gold standard in its field for decades to come.

## **ESTATE PLANNING**

A carefully prepared estate plan is the best way to ensure your loved ones are provided for and your preferred charities are supported as you intend. Estate plans allow you to retain full use of your assets during your lifetime and still make a significant gift to the Guttmacher Institute. They are technical documents that should be drafted by an attorney, but they may be revised and updated whenever you like, as your wishes and circumstances change.

#### HOW TO INCLUDE THE GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE IN YOUR WILL

It is important to clearly designate the Institute as a recipient in your will. The full and complete name of the organization is the Guttmacher Institute. The address is 125 Maiden Lane, 7th floor, New York, NY 10038. Our tax ID number is 13-289072-7.

The following examples are typical of language used in wills for different types of gifts.

#### For a Bequest of Money:

I give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_% of the value of my estate] to the Guttmacher Institute.

#### **Personal Property:** I give my [insert type of property, such as jewelry or artwork] to the Guttmacher Institute.

**Real Estate:** I give all my interest in the real property that I own at [exact address] to the Guttmacher Institute.

**Residuary Estate:** I give the residue of my estate to the Guttmacher Institute.

#### **Contingent Bequest:**

If [the primary beneficiary] does not survive me, I give the property, real or personal, that said beneficiary would have received to the Guttmacher Institute.

## HOW TO MAKE ANOTHER TYPE OF PLANNED GIFT

You may wish to make another type of gift that can result in substantial tax savings during your lifetime or provide financial support to your beneficiaries, such as a charitable gift annuity, charitable lead trust, or a gift of a life insurance or retirement plan. To discuss any of these options in further detail, please contact the Development team at (212) 248-1111, ext. 5 or email developmentoffice@guttmacher.org.

Thank you for considering a lasting legacy with the Guttmacher Institute!