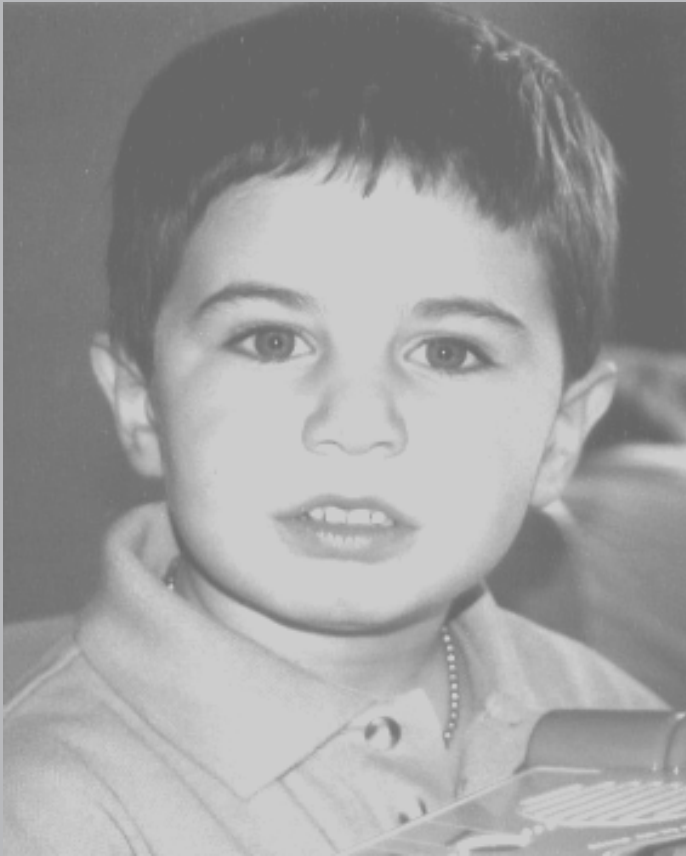


Leave a Legacy [®]
That Will Enrich the
Lives of Young People
With Autism



planned giving campaign

Dear Friends,

The Princeton Child Development Institute is participating in LEAVE A LEGACY ® New Jersey, a statewide community awareness campaign designed to encourage all of us to remember worthy causes we support when we do estate planning.

Certainly, you know the importance of the autism intervention, research, and dissemination we undertake at PCDI and we thank you for your generous contributions. Whether you have attended any of our various fund raising events or are a loyal financial donor, your support is helping us to achieve our mission.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read this brochure. We will be delighted to answer any questions you may have regarding opportunities that are available for giving to PCDI. And we encourage you to contact your professional advisor for help and to make sure you are receiving the maximum tax and legal advantages allowed for your gift.

You can make a permanent difference in the lives of people with autism. Leave a Legacy ®.

Sincerely,

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EXPANDING YOUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT PCDI TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK OF PCDI WILL CONTINUE AND GROW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

We all have personal reason for charitable giving, and for giving to PCDI in particular, during our lifetime. Each time we donate our time, talent or treasures, we are making a statement about our beliefs, hopes and dreams. But statistics show that only a few of us have thought about making a gift that will do wonders long after we are gone. You can LEAVE a LEGACY ®. This booklet is intended to get you started in that process.

We know that you are a committed supporter of PCDI and would like to ensure PCDI's future for many years to come.

Your contributions to our annual campaigns and participation in our fundraising events are important— in fact they are the lifeblood of PCDI's ability to provide effective treatment and cutting-edge research. We know you would like to give more, but concerns about personal and family financial security make larger gifts seem impossible.

The exciting news is that there are many ways other than outright cash donations for you to help PCDI. And you may be able to give much more than you thought possible, at the same time as you are providing security for your family and making a commitment to PCDI 's future. You can Leave a Legacy ®— or testimony—of your values. These non-cash approaches are referred to as “planned giving.”

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

A planned gift is nothing more than a gift of any kind or amount that requires the assistance of a qualified person to help complete the gift. Those qualified persons include your financial adviser, accountant and attorney. And PCDI's planned giving officer can help provide information for you and your advisers that will be needed to complete your gift.

A number of factors must be considered in evaluating planned giving for a particular individual: family needs, assets to give, the best method for giving, the timing of the gift and the tax consequences. These are important issues and a professional adviser will help you make the necessary decisions. Because these questions are also important in general estate planning, the planned giving analysis is often done in the context of your overall estate planning.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY INCORPORATING GIFTS TO PCDI IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Estate planning begins with the definition of goals. The process involves considering current and future needs, defining a way to meet those need through management of assets during life, and providing for the distribution of those assets upon death. An estate plan not only divides and distributes property, it can provide security for loved ones, and minimize taxes and estate costs.

Some people have tax-savings as their primary goal. Others are driven solely by non-tax issues, such as providing for a friend, family member, or favorite charitable organization.

Donors who wish to make a gift to PCDI that complements their lifestyles and goals often do through thoughtful and well-drafted estate plans. These individuals know it is possible to make a significant future gift in a way that will not affect their finances today. In fact, they know such a gift can help them achieve many of the estate planning objectives they have established for themselves, their family and charitable organizations like PCDI which matter the most to them

Regardless of the motivation for estate planning, it is important to have the assistance of legal counsel. Attorneys and financial advisers are able to assess individual estate planning objectives and identify potentially adverse tax consequences. Legal counsel is necessary to draft trust agreements, wills, and other estate planning documents. Any estate plan should be reviewed periodically to incorporate changes in tax laws, and to consider an individual's changing needs, goals and intentions.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF POSSIBLE "PLANNED GIFTS"

A planned gift can be by bequest (that is, a gift left in your Will or living trust) by beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy or retirement account, by the establishment of a charitable trust, by gift of appreciated property, by gift of your personal residence or farm with a retained qualified life estate or by designating PCIDI as beneficiary of a donor-advised fund such those offered by Fidelity or a community foundation such as the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

Only bequests are discussed in this brochure, but additional information on other planned giving opportunities can be obtained from your professional advisers and from the PCIDI planned giving officer.

Whether the gift is made during a donor's life, or on the donor's death, there are potential tax savings to be enjoyed. The appropriate arrangement for each donor varies according to the donor's age, the type of assets being sued, and the donor's own financial needs and goals.

BEQUESTS

"Be sure to include PCIDI in your Will!"

The simplest way to include PCIDI in your estate plan is to make a testamentary gift – that is, a gift in your Will or living trust-to PCIDI. The gift can be of a specific amount of cash, item of property or of a percentage share of your estate. The gift can be outright, taking effect as of your death, or it can be contingent upon you outliving your named beneficiaries. It is also possible to include a charitable trust in your will which gives a named beneficiary income during their life, with the remainder to PCIDI, (a charitable remainder trust) or which provides income to PCIDI for a specific period of time, with the remainder to your beneficiaries. (a charitable lead trust). (These charitable trusts can also be created during your lifetime and can provide significant income tax benefits).

“Does everyone need a Will?”

Yes. A will is often the foundation of a sound estate plan. No matter the size of the estate, everyone should have a will. This document allows a person to control exactly how his or her estate will be managed.

Without a will, there is a risk of costly delays in the estate settlement process. In addition, if a person dies without a will, the laws of the state in which the person lived will determine how his or her estate will be divided. State laws generally provide for distributions to natural or adopted relatives, and provide nothing for friends or favorite charitable organizations. If there are no relatives, the estate is turned over to the state.

Many people choose to establish a “living trust” during their lifetime, and this is often referred to as a “will substitute.” However, it is better when used in conjunction with a will. One of the most attractive aspects of a living trust is that, unlike a will, a living trust is not part of the public record. Details of a trust remain private. This advantage must be weighed against the costs of preparing and administering such a trust, which can be substantial

“Is it easy to make a bequest or gift through my Will or Living Trust?”

Yes. You can add PCDI as an outright or contingent beneficiary of specific property, a specific amount, or a share of your estate by adding a simple clause when you first make your will, or by a later addition known as a “codicil”. Contact the planned giving officer at PCDI for the precise language to be included in your will

Charitable trusts can also be included in a Will. You will need to talk with an attorney familiar with the requirements of such a trust for assistance in drafting a will with a charitable trust.

"Can I specify how my gift will be used?"

Yes. You can specify how your gift is to be used. However, if you intend for the gift to be used for a specific purpose, it is important to talk with the PCDI planned giving officer to make sure that PCDI will be able to honor your requests. Remember that programs change over time, so that it is best to list a preference, without a requirement, that a gift be used for a particular purpose.

"Are there any tax savings with a bequest or gift by will or living trust?"

Probably. A gift to PCDI through a will or living trust offers benefits to the donor or to the donor's estate in the form of advantageous tax treatment under both state and federal laws. It is possible for a donor to enjoy substantial transfer (estate and gift) tax savings, if the size of the gift or the donor's estate is such that those taxes would apply.

"Can I ensure my family's comfort and security at the same time as I help PCDI?"

Yes. A major reason why many people do not name a charity in their will is that they are concerned that their families will not be adequately taken care of. If this is your concern, discuss with your attorney the possibility of naming PCDI as a contingent beneficiary—that is, a beneficiary which will only take if certain circumstances are present at your death, such as if your spouse or other beneficiary has predeceased you. Another approach is to leave a small percentage of your estate to PCDI, but if certain beneficiaries have predeceased you, the percentage going to PCDI will increase.

“Can I change my mind?”

Yes. If you leave a gift in a Will, so long as you are competent to make a Will, you can change your Will up to the moment of your death. Thus, your testamentary gift to PCDI is what is known as a revocable gift. Other revocable gifts include gifts through a revocable living trust, and beneficiary designations on insurance and retirement plans, or payable on death accounts.

Irrevocable gifts (gifts which can not usually be changed) include charitable remainder and lead trusts and life estate agreements (a plan for giving your personal residence or farm to PCDI while retaining the lifetime use of the property for yourself or your spouse).

“Do I tell PCDI?”

This is up to you. Some people prefer that their legacy gifts remain undisclosed while others want to talk with PCDI to be sure that the gift they are considering can be used in the way they intend. Either way, your legacy gift can serve as an example for others to follow, multiplying its effect and furthering the success of PCDI’s programs.

“Will my gift make a difference?”

Yes. Each time PCDI receives a gift through a will, it is an affirmation that our good work and dedication to people with autism matters. Your gift is a very personal and significant choice that represents a deep level of caring. **It does make a difference!**

By naming PCDI in your will you are making a statement of your values to all that read the will and administer your estate. You will be declaring to your family and friends, and to PCDI and its family, the importance to you of PCDI in particular—and of charitable giving in general. That is an important legacy.

"Remind me how I can leave a gift to PCDI"

You can set aside a dollar amount, or leave a percentage of your estate to PCDI in your will. Another option is to name PCDI as the beneficiary of an IRA, pension plan, or paid-up life insurance policy. You can also make a gift through a charitable trust that provides payments to you or PCDI for life or a term of years..

Talk with your attorney or financial adviser for advice on how to give in the way that is right for you, your family and your circumstances.

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Questions about possible planned giving opportunities can be addressed to PCDI's planned giving officer. We can provide information that you can then take to your financial planner, attorney and/or accountant to discuss.

Questions about your own estate planning needs and the tax consequences of various possible planning options must be addressed to your own professional adviser: financial planner, accountant or attorney. You will need an attorney to draft and review most planned giving documents.

Leave a Legacy ® New Jersey's website contains extensive information about charitable gifts and bequests. In addition, the website includes a list of professional advisers who have registered and hold themselves out as professionals with planned giving experience.

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