



THE HUMPHREY GUILD

A LEGACY OF
LIFTING
CHILDREN

ForkKids

Growing up I never would have thought

I'd have the opportunity to participate in something like this.

Imagining the number of feet that will cross the threshold of the Center for Children and Families over the next 10, 15, 20 years is overwhelming and we're so excited the impact ForKids will have.

Cline Reasor, ForKids Board Member



THE LEGACY OF DWIGHT & DOROTHY

When Haven House, ForKids' family shelter, was founded in Ocean View in 1988, Dwight and Dorothy Humphrey heard about it at church. With no children of their own, the Humphreys wanted to help children they had never met who had no home.

Dwight and Dorothy were of modest means but figured a small monthly gift would add up over time. They were right. Giving \$25 per month, the Humphreys contributed \$300 each year, critical support to our fledging non-profit and our families. When Dorothy died in 1995, Dwight chose to give more. Over eleven years the Humphreys gave \$7,500 to support the work of ForKids.

And they weren't done giving. Upon his death in 2000, Dwight made ForKids, along with four other charities, a beneficiary in his will. One year later, a check arrived for \$69,000.

I never met Dwight and Dorothy, but I still think of them often. As I was taking the rein as Executive Director in 2001, ForKids was facing a fiscal crisis. State funding was dropping and federal grants had increased their match requirements. I needed time to develop a fundraising infrastructure to keep services flowing. The Humphreys gave me that time and it was nothing short of miraculous. Instead of shrinking, we grew.

THE HUMPHREY GUILD

As ForKids embarks on a new chapter of our work, we want to ensure we are here for the families that need us, through economic highs and lows and all political seasons. Assisting over 70,000 individuals each year our responsibilities are enormous and we take them seriously.

Almost 20 years later, I have not forgotten Dwight and Dorothy's generosity and its impact on our families. In honor of their leadership, ForKids has created The Humphrey Guild to encourage others to leave a legacy of helping families in need and providing a path out of poverty for children.

We hope you will consider joining The Humphrey Guild by making your own bequest to ForKids. Like Dwight and Dorothy, you can change the lives of children you will never meet but who will shape our community for generations to come.

Thaler McCormick, CEO

THE FORKIDS FOUNDATION

Bequests and other planned gifts are typically directed to the ForKids Foundation, which was established in 2006 to ensure ForKids can support future generations of children in our community. The funds are managed by an experienced group of financial advisors who distribute earnings annually to support education, housing and essential support services at ForKids.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Personal property, retirement funds, insurance policies and more are tools to make a difference forever at ForKids. Gifts of all sizes are welcome.

Bequests through Wills and Trusts

Bequests are the most popular way of making a deferred gift. You may include a bequest to ForKids in your will or living trust to benefit shelter, housing, a service area, or the area of greatest need.

A bequest is:

- Comfortable – A bequest allows you to retain your assets throughout your lifetime.
- Flexible – Your bequest can be unrestricted or directed to a ForKids program.
- Revocable – You may make changes to the beneficiaries throughout your lifetime.
- Tax Wise – A bequest to ForKids will not be subject to estate tax in your estate.

Life Insurance

Life insurance may be used in a variety of ways to provide a future gift to ForKids or to replace contributed assets for the benefit of children or other heirs.

Retirement Plan Gift

Assets held in a qualified retirement plan can be one of the most effective ways to support ForKids.

Designating ForKids as a Beneficiary of Your Retirement Plan ...

- Ensures that ForKids receives the full value of your gift.
- May be easily changed as your plans change.
- Removes assets from your estate, reducing estate tax.
- May allow you to distribute a greater portion of your estate to your heirs.

If you have questions about your planned gift, please call 757-622-6200 ext.173 to reach the Development Office. Our team is available to discuss your plans or connect you with a member of our professional advisory team.

BENEFITS & RECOGNITION

ForKids thanks you for making our organization a part of your legacy. We are delighted to celebrate members of The Humphrey Guild:

- In the ForKids Annual Report
- On the ForKids website
- On a Legacy Society Donor Plaque in the Center for Children and Families
- Gifts can remain anonymous if preferred



All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine.

Jim Rohn



**You have never
really lived** until you've
done something for someone
who can never repay you.

Mother Teresa

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can join?

Anyone passionate about ForKids and our mission to end homelessness and poverty in our community who names ForKids as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle.

Can my gift plan remain anonymous?

Your name will only be listed with your permission.

What if I must change my plans?

ForKids understands that any revocable gift plan may change in the future.

Do I need to share my estate planning documents with ForKids?

It is not necessary. However, it can be very helpful to ensure ForKids receives and uses your gift according to your intentions.

HOW TO JOIN

If you are considering a planned gift to ForKids, we encourage you to contact your estate attorney and accountant. They can assist you in determining what type of gift best suits your personal circumstances.

Remember ForKids in your will

Include ForKids as a recipient of a percentage or specific dollar amount and provide us with a copy of the first page of your will along with the page that designates ForKids. We are happy to provide you with sample language you can give to your attorney or insert in a will you are preparing yourself.

Designate ForKids as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy

Contact the company that holds your retirement plan or life insurance policy to let them know that you would like to update your beneficiaries, and they will send you a form. You will fill out what percentage or amount you would like to go to ForKids.

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**Don't judge each day by the
harvest you reap, but by the
seeds you plant.**

Robert Louis Stevenson

