



Planned Giving

SUPPORT FA'S MISSION FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME

Estate Planning & Legacy Donations

Did you know planned giving is an option to support FA?

Most people who draw up a will want to leave something to the people they love, such as family and friends. Many will also make monetary bequests to support organizations or institutions that helped them during their lives, such as a house of worship, university or medical center.

If Families Anonymous has helped you, remembering the fellowship in your will is a good way to help us continue to help others who, like yourself, have a friend or family member afflicted with substance use disorder. You might also make FA the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or investment account.

FA's 7th Tradition states that "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." This means that we, the members of the FA fellowship, are solely responsible for making the monetary and personal service donations needed to keep the fellowship alive. A legacy donation from you is a meaningful investment for future FA members and is a great way to give back.

How do I make a legacy donation to FA?

It's a simple, two-step process:

Step #1 - Designate Families Anonymous in your Will or Other Financial Document

If you want to remember FA in your will, please consult your attorney or other estate planning specialist. Whether you already have a will, or are preparing one from scratch, he or she can help you insert the appropriate language to make that gift.

When consulting with your attorney or other advisor, simple language such as this is probably all you'll need:

"I give and bequeath, for its general purposes, the sum of \$_____ to Families Anonymous, Inc., 701 Lee Street, Suite 670, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (Tax ID: 95-2373095)."

If you're making a bequest by way of designating FA as a **beneficiary of a life insurance policy or investment account**, you'll need to check with your insurance agent or investment professional to determine how to correctly reflect that on your financial or insurance records.

Families Anonymous, Inc.'s Tax ID number is 95-2373095, which you may need to make these designations.

Step #2 - Send FA a Letter or E-mail Confirming your Membership in the Fellowship

Families Anonymous can only accept donations, including bequests, from FA members. For that reason, it's very helpful for FA to have a document on file at FA's World Service Office before your will is probated to show that you were, in fact, a member of the fellowship.

Thus, once you've created or amended a will leaving a bequest to FA, or you've designated FA as a beneficiary on an insurance policy or investment account, kindly send a short letter (or email) to the World Service Office stating that you're a member of FA, and briefly detail the bequest that you've made. That will allow FA to confirm your status as a member of the fellowship when we're contacted by the representative of your estate about accepting your donation.

We offer sample text that you might use:

Dear Families Anonymous,

My name is _____, and I would like to confirm my membership in Families Anonymous. I have included Families Anonymous, Inc. (Tax ID: 95-2373095) in (my will/as a beneficiary of an insurance policy/financial investment). Please let this document serve as confirmation of my membership in Families Anonymous and participation in Group (insert Group# or City/State).

*Thank you,
(signature)*



Thank You!

Families Anonymous is here for you, and it's here because of you. We thank you for your support of the World Service Office and for helping to sustain our mission of bringing the benefits of the FA fellowship to current and future FA members throughout the world.

Families Anonymous, Inc. is a not-for-profit California corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please direct all correspondence to Families Anonymous, Inc. at our World Service Office located at 701 Lee Street, Suite 670, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

Questions? Please e-mail us at: info@familiesanonymous.org.