

Legacy of Faith

Christ-centered Estate Planning from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

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PCHAS Receives Ralph Kopplin Endowment Fund



Ralph Kopplin, a long-time supporter of PCHAS, included a bequest donation in his will to establish the Ralph Kopplin Endowment Fund for its educational services for children of all ages. "Ralph was a strong supporter of the children we serve, from the younger children in foster care, the older children in group home care and the college age students we continue to support. In addition, Ralph organized a dedicated group of Presbyterians within Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church to work closely with Gayle Jordan, our coordinator of advanced education, to regularly support the college age youth who previously lived in our group homes", said Rev. Peter D. Crouch, Vice President

for Development. "Ralph Kopplin was a treasured friend to the children and staff of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services and will be greatly missed," added Ed Knight, President and CEO. "He was a wonderful PCHAS ambassador to his church and always shared the dedication he felt for the kids in our care with his friends and family," said Tom Anthony, PCHAS Development Officer.

Anyone interested in supporting the Ralph Kopplin Endowment Fund may send a check (payable to PCHAS) to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, 4407 Bee Cave Road, Suite 520, Austin, TX 78746. Please mark your check "Ralph Kopplin Endowment".



Did You Make the Connection?

Many of you know that Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services started 111 years ago, in 1903, when the Files family and other Presbyterians of the era made outright and estate donations to help children in need.

The early supporters of PCHAS decided to put their belief (that an orphanage was needed to care for children in Texas) into action in ways that would live on well past their own lifetimes. Through prudent investments, their early gifts have continued to grow, and today, provides Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services with an important source of annual revenue.

So here's the connection. Helping to fund a named endowment for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services will connect your hearts with that of Presbyterians at the beginning of the 20th century. What could this connection mean to you? Do you love PCHAS and its commitment to help children in need? Do you believe that PCHAS can make a difference in peoples' lives? Have you thought about the fact that you won't live on this earth forever and that when you die, your assets will be distributed? Has it occurred to you that you can leave a legacy that will benefit generations to come? If not, consider the connection: a simple will ... Christ-centered services that change lives. What will your legacy be? Now that's something worth considering.

Special Naming Opportunities

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is excited to dedicate its new Houston campus for struggling single mothers and their children on November 5th. Friends of PCHAS have three special naming opportunities related to the launch of this new Houston program. Capital gifts with naming opportunities remain available. Additionally, PCHAS seeks donations toward a new Single Parent Family Program Endowment which will help with annual operating costs. Donors may establish a new named endowment for the Single Parent Family Program with gifts starting at \$25,000. A gift to the program's endowment fund of \$2 million or more will provide a donor with the opportunity to name the new Houston campus. PCHAS' long term vision is to raise \$5 million toward an endowment which will fund all of the Single Parent Family Programs in Weatherford, Waxahachie, San Antonio and Houston. If you are interested in learning more about any of these naming opportunities, please speak with one of our development officers or contact Rev. Peter D. Crouch, Vice President for Development by email: peter.crouch@pchas.org or phone: 800.888.1904.



How to Teach Your Children About Giving

Deciding what to do with your estate is an important decision. Below is the way one couple started the conversation with their children:

To Our Dear Children:

We want to tell you about a decision we made recently and some of the reasons behind it. But first, we want you to know that we are very proud of you and thankful for the honor of being your parents. You bring us great happiness.

As we get older, we find ourselves thinking more and more about our estate - and what to do with these assets when we are gone. Our holdings, though modest by some standards, represent a lifetime of working, saving, and investing. We want to dispose of these things in the right way, not only for you, but for us as well as the legacy we desire to leave behind.

Our first responsibility, as you know, is to care for each other. If one of us should predecease the other, we want the remaining person to have enough assets to live comfortably and to meet any unforeseen emergencies. Because our estate plan addresses these matters, we are able to face the future with confidence, self-respect and the knowledge that we will not be imposing a burden on you or others for financial assistance.

Our second responsibility is to pass along to you, our precious children, a portion of our estate, in order to provide you with a final and tangible expression of our love. It is also a way for us to assist you in meeting some of the challenges and opportunities you will face. The nature and value of these estate gifts will depend, of course, on our needs, taxes and the future economy.

Our third concern -- and this is why we are writing this letter -- pertains to our involvement with Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. As you know, we have supported this children's agency for many years. We believe in its mission and want it to be financially strong so they can continue to make a positive impact in our community and for God's Kingdom.

We had thought of naming Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services in our will to receive a significant gift. But then we learned about a gift device called a "charitable remainder unitrust" that not only allows us to make a major gift now, but also provides us with additional income throughout the remainder of our lives. Every three months, we will receive income from the trust that we can apply to our needs.

We talked to our financial planner and tax advisor about all of this and they both agree that the plan makes good sense, not only from a tax standpoint, but also to safeguard our future income. We also checked with our attorney and received the green light as well. One of the nice features about this plan is that PCHAS' endowment will be strengthened to help provide wonderful Christ-centered services to children in need.

While funding the unitrust has reduced the size of our estate, we want you to know that we have not invaded what we planned to pass on to you. We also want you to know this planned gift has been a wonderful experience for us - the highlight of our lives as donors. To put it simply, we are thrilled!

Our hope is that someday you will have the opportunity and an inclination to do something similar with a portion of your own estate.

Affectionately,

Mom and Dad

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

PLANNED GIFT OPTIONS ON THE WEB

Our website provides helpful estate planning information to assist you in creating the plan that is right for you. Visit texas.pchas.org and click **Donate**, then click **Planned Gifts**.

GIVING REAL ESTATE TO PCHAS – Get FREE information

If you would like additional information about giving real estate to PCHAS, the Rev. Peter D. Crouch, Vice President for Development, is available to assist you. Please email him at Peter.Crouch@pchas.org or call **1.800.888.1904**.



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