# MAGNIFY YOUR IMPACT SUMMER 2021



As a United Way supporter, you are helping to ensure that every child, individual and family in our community thrives. On behalf of the lives you have touched, we thank you. Now you can create a last will and testament—and a gift for the future with FreeWill.

### **FREEWILL**

Most people believe creating a will is expensive and time-consuming, requiring much deliberation and visits to financial advisors, attorneys and other consultants. In fact: In a recent survey, more than 80 percent of respondents say that having a last will and testament was a very important part of their financial plan, but less than 30 percent of those same respondents actually had a will.

That's why United Way and FreeWill have teamed up: So that philanthropists like you can support the people and causes that mean the most to you—while saving time, money and stress.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

FreeWill is an award-winning social venture founded by graduate students at Stanford University and supported by leading experts in law, design and philanthropy. You're able to designate bequests to charities, including United Way and thousands of organizations across the globe. Here's how to get started:

- 1. **Fill out online.** It only takes 20 minutes to fill out the information needed to create your last will and testament. Visit **freewill.com/unitedway** to get started.
- 2. **Print out forms.** The information you provide is combined with the precise language of FreeWill's legal forms and given to you as a printable will.
- 3. **Sign and keep safe.** To make your will official, sign and initial the document in-person with your witnesses. Keep your new will somewhere safe but accessible.

### **PLANNED GIVING NEXT STEPS**

United Way staff will be happy to provide assistance as you begin the confidential process of creating a lasting legacy. If you need additional information about program participation, please contact:

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## **FREEWILL** FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### What are the basic requirements for creating a last will and testament in Tennessee?

To make a last will and testament in Tennessee, the testator must:

- Be of sound mind
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Sign the will in the presence of two witnesses, who must sign the will in the presence of the testator and each other

### Does FreeWill help with additional estate planning?

In addition to helping United Way donors prepare a last will and testament, FreeWill facilitates donations to United Way of Greater Nashville via several options including:

- Charitable donation of highly appreciated stock: Donating the stock as opposed to selling it and then donating the cash has significant tax advantages.
- Qualified Charitable Donations (QCDs) involving individual retirement accounts (IRAs)

Other planned giving tools may come into the FreeWill program in the future.

#### How can I create a will and leave a gift to United Way through FreeWill?

Creating a will using FreeWill is quick and easy. Begin by collecting the basic information, such as who will be the executor, who will be the beneficiaries and how much each beneficiary will get. Determine items such as how much you will leave to United Way or other nonprofits. Then visit freewill.com/unitedway and follow the instructions. You may exit the program and return at a later time. Once the will is complete, simply print it and sign it in the presence of two witnesses.

## Am I able to try out the program before committing?

Absolutely! Just visit **freewill.com/unitedway**. Use "John Test" or "Jane Test" as your name and run through the program to see how simple it is.



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