

FOUR THINGS YOUR WILL REVEALS

Your will says something about you.

First, it says that you care about your loved ones. You want to make it easier for them by taking care of legal matters relating to the transfer of your estate. You want your affairs handled smoothly and without undue inconvenience to those who will be experiencing grief.

Second, having a will likely means that you have sought to take advantage of any tax-related planning, as well as reduce probate costs by designating what things will go where and who will be responsible for the details. The cost savings from a carefully constructed estate plan means that more can go to family members and other estate beneficiaries.

Third, your will provides insight into your lifetime involvements and concerns. Bequests to family members speak of your love and concern for their welfare. And bequests to various charitable organizations speak volumes about your sense of values.

For example, when you include **The Community Foundation for Carver County** in your will, you reveal that philanthropy is a worthwhile endeavor and you affirm your belief in the charitable organizations that you want your gift to support. You may wish to establish a family-named endowment account that would distribute income to your favorite charities into the future. Such action encourages those you leave behind to consider their own philanthropic involvements.

Finally, when you include your favorite charities in the gift portion of your estate plan, it tells the charities you want them to continue to fulfill their organization's mission. You also reveal your vision for the future and you encourage the charities to be good stewards of the new resources you have placed in their hands.

Your will says other things as well about your interests and values and commitments. And because it says so much, you are wise to think it through carefully.

The Foundation is offering a free **Guide to Making a Will**.
For your free no-obligation copy please call (952) 250-5138 or
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