



Planned Giving News for
Supporters of ACH Child
and Family Services

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A Message

FROM WAYNE CARSON, PH.D.

Dear Friend,

You are likely familiar with ACH Child and Family Services’ history dating back to 1915 when a group of determined women came together to give destitute women and children a safe and loving home. Now, 107 years later, the legacy of those founders continues through ACH and its mission to protect children and preserve families.

Rosemary and George Runnion have been a decades-long part of that mission through their planned giving support, and I’m honored to share a bit more of their story in this newsletter.

ACH is a recognized leader in child welfare today because of committed supporters and volunteers like the Runnions who understood the importance of leaving a bequest or estate gift. This newsletter highlights the many ways you, too, can leave a legacy through your will, trust or other long-term charitable plans when you no longer need these resources.

By documenting your intention to provide a legacy gift for ACH, you will become an esteemed member of The Circle of Life Giving Society. These gifts are invested and managed by the All Church Home for Children Foundation.

While cash gifts for current use are vitally important, endowment funds provide steady support through good times and bad in perpetuity. Funds invested in our endowment help to offset continued reductions in government support and enable us to plan with greater predictability than otherwise possible. Earnings also enable ACH to create, expand and adapt programs to better meet our community’s needs.

On behalf of the children and families we serve – and will serve tomorrow and in generations to come – we hope you will choose to bless ACH with your continued support through a legacy gift through *The Circle of Life Giving Society*.



Gratefully,

Wayne Carson

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ROSEMARY AND GEORGE RUNNION: A LEGACY OF CARING

Rosemary Runnion began volunteering at ACH in the 1980s. She loved ACH and enjoyed being involved and serving on the board, helping advance its mission of supporting children without family or from broken homes.

“There were times when I was a kid, she would bring me along with her to help out,” said her son John Runnion. She also tutored many ACH children at The Key School and was a proud champion for kids through the years.

In 1998, Rosemary and her husband George began planning their estate. Being community-minded, they wanted to share their good fortune with several charities.

John explained, “My dad was a Certified Public Accountant and had several clients who used a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in their estate plans. He thought it was a smart giving vehicle that could provide an income to them during their lives and leave the remainder to charity when they were gone.”

Rosemary and George Runnion created a Charitable Remainder Unitrust — a decision that John said “allowed them to provide for mom’s elder care in her last years of life. A time when the extra money helped.” He said, “Mom and dad were most proud of the fact that seven charities they valued most would share in their personal legacy.”

George passed away in 2019, and Rosemary followed in 2021, but the remaining funds from the trust have been distributed to seven non-profit organizations they cared most about, including ACH. For ACH, the Runnion gift is helping protect children and preserve families today.

We are honored to be part of Rosemary and George’s generous legacy that lives on at ACH; their gift has been added to the endowment and creates a permanent stream of philanthropic dollars to supplement ACH’s work as an agent of change in our community. Thank you, Rosemary and George Runnion!



Did You Know...

There are many ways to make a planned gift and support the needs of children, young adults and families in ACH’s care.

Retirement Plans

A gift from a retirement or pension plan is an easy way to support children and families! Available funds that go beyond the comfortable care of yourself or loved ones may be given to ACH.

Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated stock, held more than one year, makes an excellent donation. It’s generally deductible at its fair market value, and you avoid all capital gains taxes on the increase in value while receiving a charitable tax deduction.

Life Insurance

Insurance is another simple way to make a substantial future gift. Naming ACH as the beneficiary or co-beneficiary on a new or existing policy is considered a charitable deduction from estate taxes when distributed. You can choose for ACH to receive all or part of the proceeds of your policy.

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WHY GIVE TO ACH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ENDOWMENT?

The purpose of an endowment fund is to sustain the mission and work of ACH financially. Donor contributions to an endowment are preserved. Only the annual earnings, typically investment income and a portion of the growth in value, are used to fund current needs. ACH has established its endowment to continue to carry on our important work in the years to come. Endowments also provide a cushion of financial support during economic downturns when the demand for our services to children and families is greatest. You can make a significant contribution to further our mission, and it's easier than you might think.

Below are several charitable gift and estate planning strategies that can benefit you during your lifetime and contribute to the ACH endowment, when you no longer need the resources:



Bequests

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts you can make to sustain our endowment. The most common bequests are gifts made through a provision in a will or trust. You can make a bequest of a dollar amount, a specific asset, or a percentage of the residue of your estate. Our supporters like that bequests are gifts made through an estate plan and are revocable, meaning you still have the opportunity to change your mind.

Beneficiary Designations

In addition to 'traditional' bequests made through your will or trust, you can use beneficiary designations to endow our work with children and families. It is typically easier to make a gift by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your account administrator than it is to visit your attorney and update your will. Some of the more common assets given to ACH through beneficiary designations are:

- Checking, savings, and mutual fund accounts
- Retirement accounts such as an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b)
- Life insurance policies

Charitable Life Estates

Do you own a home, vacation property or farm? A gift of your property is another way to help build our endowment. With a charitable life estate, you can make your gift to us today and continue using and enjoying the property during your lifetime. This gift is as simple as deeding your property to us with a provision in the deed that permits your

continued use. You are entitled to a current charitable income tax deduction, and the property is removed from your estate. In the future, our organization can sell or make use of the property for our mission.

Charitable Life Income Plans

Charitable life income plans such as the charitable gift annuity and charitable remainder trust enable you to make a future gift to endow our work while protecting or enhancing your current financial security.

If you have low-yielding assets and are seeking higher income payments, a charitable life income gift may be worth your while to explore. In exchange for your generous gift, you reap multiple benefits:

- Receive lifetime payments (for you and your spouse)
- Generate a current income tax deduction
- Bypass all or a portion of the capital gains on appreciated assets
- Make a future gift upon your passing to endow our work

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For more information or to request an [Estate Planning Guide](#), please contact Dixie Mullins at 817-886-7115 or email Dixie.Mullins@ACHservices.org.

Thank you for considering how you can make ACH Child and Family Services a part of your legacy. As long as there are children and families in need of loving care, your support will ensure ACH will be here to help them.