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Consider the Power of Your Legacy

When Lynette Gillard appeared as a contestant on the game show “Deal or No Deal,” she shared she was hoping to win at least enough money to fund her In Vitro Fertilization treatments. The following day she was notified that an anonymous source had called the TV station and donated \$20,000 to pay for the treatment. After his death, it was revealed musician George Michael was the person who had given her the money.



Much of our lives are spent raising families, building careers, and preparing for retirement. We all want to make a difference in the world and be remembered fondly. Are you building a legacy that aligns with the values you most want to express? With thoughtful planning you can leave:

A legacy of provision. Nearly 70 percent of Americans do not have an up-to-date will. That means the majority of people you know have yet to ‘get their financial house in order.’ But an up-to-date estate plan is not only good stewardship of the resources you’ve been given – it also establishes a plan to ensure your loved ones are provided for and any minor children will be raised by the guardian of your choosing. Your legacy can provide protection, provision, *and* peace.

A legacy of love. Many people are incorporating the idea of an “ethical will” into their estate planning. An ethical will passes along the riches of the *heart*. Personal letters, special family stories, affirmations of love, and your own life stories make an ethical will a rich and enduring gift.

A legacy of generosity. What causes and ministries have you felt connected to throughout your life? Would you consider leaving them a gift in your will? Planning a legacy gift to Rockford Rescue Mission is a powerful way to communicate your values and inspire loved ones to think about how they may practice generosity in their lives too.

The book of Proverbs states, “a good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children.” May we all endeavor to build a legacy that will long outlive us.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- ☐ I would like information on how I can design a will that reflects my values.
- ☐ I have already included Rockford Rescue Mission in my will, trust, or estate plan.

Name _____

Preferred Phone _____ Email _____

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Go to christianwill.org/rrm to bless your family with a God-honoring will.