

## WHAT IS THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION?

- ◆ The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. The Lions of Michigan Foundation works in partnership with its member Lions Clubs and other organizations to address serious human needs and improve quality of life.
- ◆ The Lions of Michigan Foundation helps financially struggling Michigan residents whose options for affordable medical treatment are limited. Primarily, foundation provides vision, hearing and emergency services aimed at helping Michigan residents maintain their independence, excel in school and prosper in life.
- ◆ The Lions of Michigan Foundation's slogan is "Partners in Service" which both describes its close relationship with Michigan Lions Clubs and Lions auxiliaries and its philosophy on making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people in Michigan. It is the foundation's belief that by combining resources and working together with other charities, businesses and foundations, it can better address the issues that face the state of Michigan and confidently confront the challenges that lie ahead.
- ◆ The Lions of Michigan Foundation's close working relationship with its 500 Michigan Lions Clubs and auxiliaries enables it to readily identify, select, and effectively provide services for individuals and their families who need help to deal with their medical problems or quality of life issues.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION AND PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN?

- ◆ Like most charities and community service organizations, the Lions of Michigan Foundation receives the bulk of its annual revenue through donations from individuals and businesses. There are many ways to support the Lions of Michigan Foundation, including making a donation through one of the Lions of Michigan Foundation's websites: [www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net) or [www.lhcmi.org](http://www.lhcmi.org); making a donation when filing your Michigan Income Tax Return; or remembering the Lions of Michigan Foundation when completing your estate planning.
- ◆ The Lions of Michigan Foundation is 1 of only 9 Michigan charities that can receive donations through annual Michigan Income Tax Return filings. Michigan tax payers can donate to the Lions of Michigan Foundation by completing Form 4642 (Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule), selecting the Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund and the donation amount, and attaching Form 4642 to their Michigan Income Tax Return.
- ◆ No matter what your situation, you owe it to yourself and your family to plan for the future. An effective estate plan will consider a variety of circumstances that may occur during your lifetime, such as disability, a lack of control over your own affairs, a loss of retirement income, and tax issues. Thoughtful estate planning will save thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal fees, court costs, and taxes typically paid by those without a proper plan.

## WHY IS ESTATE PLANNING IMPORTANT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

- ◆ Planning for their eventual passing can be a sensitive subject for most Americans, and perhaps that is the reason that 7 out of 10 people will depart without so much as a simple will. If you are one of those seven people, here are three reasons that may keep you up at night:
  1. *The government will choose how to disperse your assets.*
  2. *The government will choose a guardian for your minor children.*
  3. *The government will determine how to finalize your affairs and spend your estate dollars.*
- ◆ Whether you need a will, a trust, or another estate planning vehicle, now is the time to ensure that your estate will be administered according to **your** desires! Many Americans use planned giving programs to remember and memorialize loved ones, to support the work of those organizations they contributed to during life, and to lower their tax bill while supporting causes that they believe in. Planned giving arrangements can include bequests, family trusts, life estates, gifts of property, charitable remainder trusts, and other vehicles.
- ◆ Bequests are the most popular type of planned giving arrangement. With a bequest to the Lions of Michigan Foundation through your will or a trust, you can ensure that your commitment to help others continues perpetually. Through a bequest, your estate receives a charitable deduction for the full

amount given, so your heirs pay no estate tax on the gift.

- ◆ The following types of bequests will direct your gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

**Percentage:**

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, a nonprofit corporation of the State of Michigan, located at 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911, \_\_\_\_% of my estate."

**Specific:**

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, a nonprofit corporation of the State of Michigan, located at 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911,

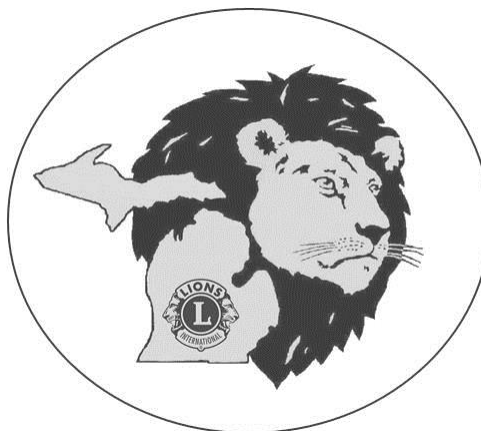
1. The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock in \_\_\_\_\_ Company.
3. My real property commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_."

**Residual:**

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, a nonprofit corporation of the State of Michigan, located at 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911, all the residue of my estate, including real personal property."

**Contingent:**

"In the event of the death of any of the beneficiaries, I give, devise and bequeath to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, a nonprofit corporation of the State of Michigan, located at 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911, (percentage, specific, or residual language as above)."



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## Partners in Service

A Public Charity dedicated to the betterment of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.