

Remember Al-Anon in Your Will

Why Make a Will?

We hear it said over and over that Al-Anon helps us become responsible for ourselves; this includes our finances. Yet seldom do we think of making a will in terms of responsibility. But *it is* the responsible thing to do if we want our possessions to go to those we care about after we die.

Failing to make a will places our responsibility in someone else's hands. This can lead to undesirable results, family disputes, or having our assets distributed by the courts and the local government. Most likely we would want to avoid such complications, especially when preparing a will is relatively simple and inexpensive.

“Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”
Tradition Seven

Deciding Its Contents

A will is our legacy to future generations. When preparing our will, we consider people who are important to us—our families, friends, and close associates. We may consider, too, others who have had an influence on our lives, including educational and religious institutions. Many members have already designated Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., (World Service Office), in gratitude for the help given by our fellowship during their lifetime.

Just as our founders provided us with the legacy of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service, we also have an opportunity to provide a legacy of help and hope to other families and friends of alcoholics. One way to do this is by designating a bequest to the Al-Anon World Service Office to ensure our program will be there for future generations.

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Step Twelve



Your Legacy

“I Bequeath to Al-Anon”

This suggested language will be of use to your attorney in carrying out your wish to create a bequest.

“I give and bequeath to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454-5617, the sum of \$ (dollars) for its general purpose.”

In keeping with our tradition of self-support, Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (WSO) and Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc, may accept bequests only from its own members. Therefore, it would be useful to send a letter to the WSO stating that you are a member and that you have made a bequest. No further details are necessary. This letter can confirm membership in Al-Anon when the will is probated. The WSO may accept a one-time bequest from an Al-Anon member in any amount.

On behalf of the families and friends of alcoholics, we thank you for your support of Al-Anon services worldwide.

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc. is a registered charity under paragraph 149 (1) (f) of the Income Tax Act of Canada. Our tax number is available upon request.



Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

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