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To learn more about making a planned gift to Food Lifeline, please contact:

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FEEDING HOPE FEEDING WESTERN WASHINGTON

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Food Lifeline's mission is to end hunger in Western Washington by engaging communities and mobilizing resources.



## A WILL TO END HUNGER: PLANNED GIVING

Jocelyn March (above) remembers when her ex-husband left her and she had to use food stamps. "It was very degrading, but I had three children to feed and take care of." Now a grandmother of six, and a new great-grandmother, Jocelyn has made arrangements in her will to continue her giving to Food Lifeline in the future.

"Food is life. Food is a basic necessity," she said. "And Food Lifeline doesn't eat up my donations with administrative costs. It's very impressive."

**Ninety-six cents of every \$1 donated** goes directly toward distributing food to hungry people.

### PLANNED GIVING

For many, planned giving is the perfect way to support our hunger relief efforts. **Planned gifts help us secure and distribute food** to those in need, **raise public awareness of hunger** in our community, and **promote viable solutions** to the problems of hunger and waste. These gifts often provide financial benefits to the donor, too.\*

### PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

#### BEQUESTS MADE THROUGH WILLS OR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS

Wills and revocable living trusts allow you to provide not only for your family and friends, but also for those in need through Food Lifeline. Besides cash, you may also leave stocks, bonds and other types of property to Food Lifeline.

##### Common bequest options:

- **Specific bequest:** Determine a specific dollar amount or asset you wish to leave to Food Lifeline.
- **Residual bequest:** After providing for loved ones, name Food Lifeline to receive a percentage or all of your residuary estate.
- **Contingent bequest:** Food Lifeline receives a bequest only in the event of the death of other beneficiaries.

### GIFTS OF BENEFICIARY DONATIONS

A beneficiary designation is the simplest way to make a planned gift. Just name Food Lifeline as a full or partial beneficiary and provide our tax identification number (91-1090450). These gifts also bypass probate and go directly to all beneficiaries.

##### Common designation options:

- **Retirement plans:** This enables you to avoid substantial income taxes that would have been due if a retirement plan were left to non-spousal heirs.
- **Insurance policies:** You can name Food Lifeline as a beneficiary through your employer or a separate policy you hold. Such a gift may provide current and future tax benefits.
- **Savings accounts:** Designating Food Lifeline as a savings account beneficiary is simple and allows full use of savings during your life.

### DONATING REAL ESTATE

Our staff will work closely with you and your advisors to facilitate a gift of residential or commercial real estate. Through a retained life estate arrangement, you can donate a remainder interest in your home to Food Lifeline and retain lifetime residency rights for you and your partner. A gift of real estate may result in significant tax benefits while providing major support for our hunger-relief efforts.

### OTHER PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Contact your financial advisor about establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust, an irrevocable transfer of cash or assets managed by a trustee who pays income to you or other beneficiaries. Or, look into a Charitable Lead Trust, which allows you to make gift immediately while providing for the eventual transfer of wealth to your heirs at greatly reduced gift and estate tax rates.

\*A planned gift results from a donor's careful consideration of important factors, including the purpose of the gift, the assets to be used to fund it, the gift's timing, its effect on income-tax and estate-tax planning, and its effect on the donor's family members and friends. A planned gift is best made with the counsel of one's legal, tax and/or financial advisor.