Have You Thought of a Planned Gift for Hills For Everyone?

Since 1977 Hills For Everyone has worked to protect Chino Hills State Park. Our mission expanded in the 1990s to now include the entire Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor. Our successes include the creation of the 14,100 acre Chino Hills State Park, the globally significant acquisition of the Coal Canyon Wildlife Corridor linking the Santa Ana Mountains to the Puente-Chino Hills, and the ever-present engagement of political leaders, decision makers, the press, and agencies across four of Southern California’s fastest growing counties. Because of our steadfast work in the hills more than 18,000 acres of land throughout the Wildlife Corridor have been permanently protected for current and future generations.

The generous and continued support of members like you facilitate these accomplishments. In order to achieve our shared vision of a connected, protected, and restored legacy of natural lands, we need your support. Please consider including a planned gift to Hills For Everyone in your will or estate plan.

Deciding on a Planned Gift

There are numerous questions to ask yourself if you are considering including a planned gift to one of your favorite charities. Consider the following:

- What are my goals?
- How can I achieve my goals?
- What is the legacy I would like to leave?
- Which charitable organizations do my goals most closely align with?

Planned giving isn’t something done overnight. In some instances, there are steps required by both the donor and the recipient. It is recommended that you decide to whom you want to give, what you want to give, and how it is dispersed.

Thinking through these decisions is important and you may want to consider having one or more family members review the plan. It also is recommended that you consult your tax advisor and/or attorney before making a decision. Your decision will need to be reflected appropriately in your estate plan. Once you’ve determined the details, your will and related documents must be signed.

Bequests

When writing a will or living trust, you may wish to include Hills For Everyone as a beneficiary. Including a bequest in an estate plan is one of the simplest and most straightforward ways to give. The language can be as simple as:

I give, bequeath, and devise the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) to Hills For Everyone, located at P.O. Box 9835, Brea, CA.

There are three ways bequests can be allocated:

- **Specific amount.** The donor states a specific dollar amount (as shown above)
- **Percentage amount.** The donor indicates a percentage of the estate (such as, “…10% of my estate to …”)
- **Remainder amount.** An amount determined after all specific bequests have been paid (such as “After all specific bequests have been paid, I give, bequeath, and devise the remainder of my estate, including real and personal property, to …”)