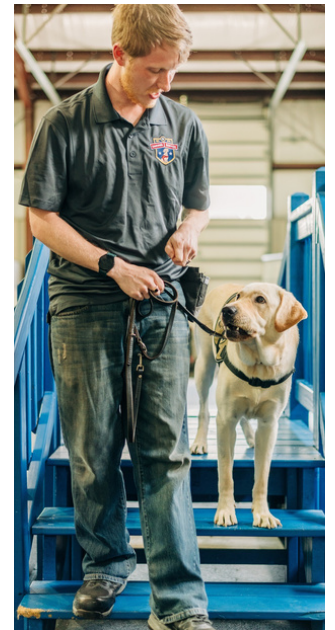




**CANINES
FOR
SERVICE**

PLANNED GIVING GUIDE



Dear Friend,

What would you say if I told you that your support of Canines for Service could save the lives of Veterans? Not only that, but that your support could restore relationships, save marriages, and ensure that Veterans make it to their children's graduations and weddings? It might surprise you, but it is true.

Canines for Service is able to provide life-changing service dogs to our Veterans at no cost. Our service dogs in training learn many commands during their years of training, but what is not as obvious is that they give our Veterans a tool to mitigate their disability, they allow our Veterans to walk out the door with more confidence and dignity, and quite simply they give them a reason to live.

When we first meet our Veteran clients, they are often at some of the lowest points in their life. Many have contemplated or even attempted suicide. Most get a few hours of sleep at night, are on multiple medications, do not leave their house very often and avoid large crowds. Some have a huge support network, some have none. Yet, all of them want more for themselves, for their families and ultimately want more out of life. Canines for Service has the unique opportunity to step in and give them that with your support.

As we continue to strive towards serving more Veterans, we encourage you to consider the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy through planned giving. Planned giving allows individuals like you to support our organization's future sustainability and make an impact through bequests, trusts, retirement assets, life insurance policies, and other planned gifts.

Your decision to include Canines for Service in your estate planning can make a significant difference in ensuring that future generations of Veterans have access to highly trained, life-changing service dogs without financial barriers. Your generosity will leave a lasting imprint on our organization, our Veterans and their families.

To facilitate your planned giving intentions, we have enclosed additional information about our program as well as a bequest intention form. Please take a moment to fill out the form and return it to:

Canines for Service, 221-1 Old Dairy Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

If you have any questions or require assistance in completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Blackmon at 910.360.9182 or mblackmon@caninesforservice.org.

Thank you for your consideration of lasting support for our mission. We couldn't do this life-changing work without the generosity of individuals like you.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bethany Leighton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bethany" being more prominent and the last name "Leighton" following in a similar style.

Bethany Leighton
Executive Director



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Sample Wording for Bequests

When making or revising a will, you should obtain the assistance of an attorney. Canines for Service staff will be pleased to work with you and your attorney to design an estate plan specifically tailored to your wishes. The following are suggested forms for making various types of bequests to Canines for Service.

Outright Bequest in Will/Trust

1. Specific dollar amount:

"I bequeath the sum of \$ ____ to Canines for Service, a nonprofit corporation having a principal place of business at 221-1 Old Dairy Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, Federal Tax ID #56-2118747, to be used or disposed of as Canines for Service in its sole discretion deems appropriate."

2. Percentage amount:

"I bequeath the sum of ____% to Canines for Service, a nonprofit corporation having a principal place of business at 221-1 Old Dairy Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, Federal Tax ID #56-2118747, to be used or disposed of as Canines for Service in its sole discretion deems appropriate."

3. Share of or entire residue of estate:

"I devise and bequeath (all) (____ %) of the remainder of my property to to Canines for Service, a nonprofit corporation having a principal place of business at 221-1 Old Dairy Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, Federal Tax ID #56-2118747, to be used or disposed of as Canines for Service in its sole discretion deems appropriate."

Contingency Bequest

"If my husband/wife does not survive me [or other condition], I bequeath the sum of \$ ____ to Canines for Service, a nonprofit corporation having a principal place of business at 221-1 Old Dairy Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, Federal Tax ID #56-2118747, to be used or disposed of as Canines for Service in its sole discretion deems appropriate."

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Bequest Intention Form

Thank you for your generous bequest to Canines for Service.

Please use this form to share details about your future gift. We understand that your gift is revocable and that you may change your plans at any time.

Name (Print)

Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Phone

Gift Type

I have included Canines for Service as a beneficiary of my:

☐ Will/Living Trust ☐ Retirement Plan ☐ Savings Account ☐ Life Insurance Policy

Gift Amount

☐ My bequest is in the specific amount of \$ _____

OR

☐ My bequest is a percentage worth approximately \$ _____

OR

☐ I wish to keep the value of my bequest private.

Contingency

☐ My gift is contingent on the prior death of a spouse or partner.

☐ My spouse/partner has done the same, and Canines for Service will receive a gift upon the second-to-die.

Recognition

☐ I would like to be recognized as:

☐ I want to be recognized for my gift, which may include my name with a dollar range.

☐ I want to be recognized for my gift by name only, but keep the amount private.

☐ I want to keep my name and gift amount private.

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