

## Little Heroes Legacy Society

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the Little Heroes Legacy Society?

The Little Heroes Legacy Society is The Lourie Center's ("Center") program for honoring and thanking friends, stakeholders, and donors of The Lourie Center who have arranged a bequest or estate gift to the Center. It is named for the reason the Lourie Center exists – to impact the lives of children, our "little heroes".

#### Why is the Little Heroes Legacy Society important to The Lourie Center?

The revenue from Little Heroes Legacy Society investments will be instrumental in positioning The Lourie Center to become a leading voice and institution for children's social and emotional development in our region and across the U.S. We want to expand our renowned therapeutic programs and services, evaluate strategic opportunities to bring the Lourie Center model to other cities, and accelerate our investments in research.

#### How do I become a member of the Little Heroes Legacy Society?

When you name The Lourie Center as the beneficiary of a gift through your Will (often called a bequest), or through an estate gift during your lifetime, you are automatically enrolled as a member of the Society.

#### What is a bequest?

To make a charitable bequest, you need a current Will. In your Will, you stipulate that The Lourie Center will receive either a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a contingent bequest. It is the simplest way to make a significant gift to The Lourie Center without affecting your assets during your lifetime or what you choose to leave your family.

#### What if I've already written my Will?

You can amend a Will to include The Lourie Center without rewriting the entire document. Your attorney or other advisor can prepare the simple statement, called a codicil, which adds the provision to include the Center while reaffirming the other terms of your Will.

*This information is not intended to be legal or tax advice.*

*Please contact your attorney or other advisor if you are considering a gift to the Little Heroes Legacy Society.*

## **Can you give me sample language for a gift in my Will to The Lourie Center?**

Through a gift in your Will, you may leave The Lourie Center a specific dollar amount, or all or a percentage of your estate. You may stipulate whether your bequest is unrestricted support, or for a specific purpose. Here is sample language for a bequest that is a specific dollar amount: "I give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to The Lourie Center, [Address], to be used for its general purposes."

## **What type of gifts can I make to become a Little Heroes Legacy Society member?**

There are a number of gifts you can make that will allow us to include you as a Little Heroes Legacy Society member. Some of the most common ones are: (1) a gift in your Will; (2) life insurance; (3) your retirement plan such as your IRA (individual retirement account) or 401(k) plan (a company sponsored retirement account); (4) charitable gift annuities; and (5) real estate.

## **Do I have to notify you about my Little Heroes Legacy Society intentions?**

No, you are not required to notify us. We respect and honor your wish to remain anonymous. Other people have made a bequest or estate gift to The Lourie Center without telling us. Of course, we would greatly appreciate your willingness to inform us of your decision, as we would love to say thank you, and with your permission, acknowledge it to others. You will also inspire others to consider the Little Heroes Legacy Society in their own plans. Additionally, knowing of your bequest or estate gift helps us plan strategically about the future and the impact we can have on it for children with social and emotional needs.

## **What is The Lourie Center's address and Tax ID?**

The Lourie Center for Children's Emotional & Social Wellness  
12301 Academy Way  
Rockville, MD 20852

The Lourie Center's Tax ID number is 52-1255870

## **Can I change my mind about my gift to the Little Heroes Legacy Society?**

Yes. Your membership in the Little Heroes Legacy Society is not a legal obligation to The Lourie Center. If, at any time, you need to change your plans or withdraw entirely, we will honor your decision. We only ask that you inform us of this change.

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