As a longtime supporter and friend of the Children’s Tumor Foundation (CTF), you have been vital in building this Foundation from a grassroots group with just a few members into the leading organization it is today, fully committed to finding treatments for neurofibromatosis (NF). Make no mistake about it—the progress that has been made in the fight against NF is because of people like you, who are working to improve the lives of those with NF. It is a legacy of which you can be proud.

Our work, of course, is not yet done. Too many patients still have to “watch and wait” to see how their NF will progress. Our vision, therefore, is to end NF. We owe it to future generations of NF patients and families to see that vision become a reality. And as long as there is the Children’s Tumor Foundation, there will always be an advocate fighting hard for the NF community.

By making a special legacy gift to the Children’s Tumor Foundation, you will play an important role in ensuring that this work continues. Your planned gift is an investment in the long-term future of the organization. Many of these gift options provide opportunities for tax benefits and allow you to make a meaningful difference without affecting your current income. More importantly, you will have peace of mind knowing that the Children’s Tumor Foundation will continue to lead the way in the fight to end NF.
The Children’s Tumor Foundation invites you to join…

THE NF LEGACY SOCIETY

The Children’s Tumor Foundation NF Legacy Society consists of individuals who have taken the extra initiative to ensure the future of NF research by including the Children’s Tumor Foundation in their estate plans.

“I’m thankful for all the NF research that CTF is funding, and I’m proud to encourage you to leave a bequest to the Foundation in your will, as I have. The Children’s Tumor Foundation has helped the field of NF research make tremendous progress toward finding treatments, so that people like my daughter Rose can live a better life. My planned gift will keep that progress moving forward for generations to come, and I’m grateful that I can be a part of that future.”

—Stuart Match Suna
CTF Board of Directors Member

ABOUT NF AND THE CHILDREN’S TUMOR FOUNDATION

The Children’s Tumor Foundation is a highly recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding effective treatments for the millions of people worldwide living with neurofibromatosis (NF), a family of three distinct disorders: NF1, NF2, and schwannomatosis. NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and may lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer. NF affects 1 in every 3,000 births across all populations equally. There is no cure yet—but as the leading force in the fight to end NF and as a model of innovative research endeavors, the Children’s Tumor Foundation’s mission of driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community fosters our vision of one day ending NF.
Your planned gift will help advance the work that is improving the lives of those with NF. It is a legacy of which you can be proud.

Your Personal Legacy: THREE OPTIONS FOR GETTING STARTED

Preparing your estate plan does not need to be cumbersome or complicated. Here are three gift-planning options available to all Children’s Tumor Foundation supporters, which will create your legacy and may provide tax benefits and retirement income:

BEQUEST

Including the Children’s Tumor Foundation in your will (making a bequest) allows you to make a meaningful impact on the advancement of NF research without having to give up crucial assets needed during your lifetime.

LIFE INSURANCE

Donating your life insurance policy to the Children's Tumor Foundation may allow you to claim an immediate income tax deduction for the current value of the policy, and you may also be able to deduct your future premium payments.

RETIREMENT ASSETS

For individuals able to provide for loved ones through other means, making a gift of retirement assets, such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, or pension fund, may save your partner or spouse the significant burden of paying both estate and income taxes on the assets.

Read more about each of these three options on the pages to follow.
BEQUESTS

Use your will to make a charitable gift to the Children’s Tumor Foundation.

A charitable bequest to CTF made in your will can take many forms:

- You can designate a percentage of your estate.
- You can designate a specific sum of money.
- You can leave an asset, such as real estate, securities, or other property.
- You can leave the remainder of your estate after other beneficiaries receive the portions you designate.
- You can make CTF the contingent beneficiary of your estate if your spouse/partner or other beneficiaries passes away before you.
- You can also create a charitable trust in your will to benefit CTF.

With all these methods of bequests, you can designate exactly how you would like the funds to be used. You can also choose to make an unrestricted bequest which allows CTF to use your contribution wherever it is needed most.

For bequests conveyed to the Children’s Tumor Foundation through a will, you receive no tax benefits during your lifetime, but when you die the value of the bequest may be deducted from your taxable estate, relieving your loved ones of possible added estate tax burdens.

How It Works: To make a bequest to CTF, you will need to use the correct language in your will: “I hereby give and bequeath [cash amount, percentage amount, or property you are giving] to the Children’s Tumor Foundation, New York, NY for its general purposes.”

To ensure that your wishes are followed exactly, we suggest including CTF’s full name and address in your will:

Children’s Tumor Foundation
120 Wall Street, 16th floor
New York, NY 10005
Tax ID number: 13-2298956
RETIREMENT ASSETS
Make sure your retirement assets include CTF as a beneficiary.

You worked hard to save money for your retirement. Donating to CTF is a way to make sure that the remaining funds in your retirement account will help support the issues you care about. Retirement assets left to anyone but a married spouse can be subject to high estate taxes. When left to CTF, the full value of your remaining retirement assets will go directly to the organization. That’s why many donors name CTF as the beneficiary of their retirement plans.

**How It Works:** To make a gift of retirement assets, such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, or pension fund, you can simply name the Children’s Tumor Foundation as the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of all or part of any retirement account that allows you to name beneficiaries. When you die or if your primary beneficiary does not survive you, the remaining assets will go to CTF.

Please note that there are significant taxes associated with leaving retirement assets to individuals. Depending on the type and amount of retirement assets you own, the estate taxes could cut those assets nearly in half, and income taxes on the proceeds to your beneficiary could then cut the leftover amount even more! But retirement assets left to a nonprofit organization are not taxed at all.

LIFE INSURANCE
Include CTF as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

For many people, life insurance policies are less important later in life, when financial obligations like the cost of raising and educating children and paying a mortgage tend to decrease. This makes a gift of life insurance an excellent planned giving vehicle. It enables supporters to leverage relatively modest premium payments into a significant contribution toward CTF’s fight to end NF.

**How It Works:** There are a number of ways to make a gift of life insurance to the Children’s Tumor Foundation as the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of all or a portion of the proceeds of your policy. You can also transfer ownership of the policy to the Children’s Tumor Foundation outright.

When you donate your life insurance policy to CTF, you can claim an immediate income tax deduction for the current value of the policy and your future premium payments are also deductible.
Leave a Legacy... Be a Legacy

THE NF LEGACY SOCIETY

As a donor, you are in control of your gift. You can designate it with a specific place or purpose in mind, or leave your gift unrestricted so it can be applied toward the areas of greatest need. We are here to assist you in planning your financial future so you can achieve the greatest benefit for you, your family, and the programs that make up the Children’s Tumor Foundation.

When you inform us of your planned gift intentions, you become a member of our NF Legacy Society, which allows us to recognize you appropriately for your generosity, foresight, and dedication to driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community. As a member of the NF Legacy Society, you will be invited to events that connect you with other NF supporters.

Here’s What You Can Do:

To learn more about making a planned gift that will support research for years to come:

1) Please reach out to Melissa Sosa-Longo, VP of Major Gifts, at msosa-longo@ctf.org or 646-738-8549.

2) Contact your attorney and your financial advisor. Let them know you are considering a planned gift to the Children’s Tumor Foundation. They can assist you in determining what type of gift best suits your personal and financial circumstances.

3) Be sure to talk to your family and friends about your plans and personal wishes in addressing family needs, as well as your legacy gifts.

This is not professional legal or tax advice. Consult your legal and tax advisors regarding your specific situation.

The Children’s Tumor Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions to CTF are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.
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