

**Including**  
**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**  
**Or**  
**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**In Your Estate Plan**

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## **Heifer Project International vs. Heifer International Foundation: The Difference is in the Donor's Desire**

It's like the proverbial question, "which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

So, what is Heifer Foundation? Is it the same as Heifer International? Aren't the names interchangeable?

Google News doesn't even know the difference, which really doesn't help matters.

And if they are different organizations, to which do I donate?

Simply put, Heifer Foundation and Heifer International are "separate nonprofit charitable organizations with distinct purposes; they are global partners that work closely together to support a common mission while meeting the unique individual needs of donors."

For more than 20 years, Heifer Foundation's mission has been to manage and grow an endowment to provide long-term support for Heifer International. The Foundation's endowment is built through charitable gifts, such as gifts of cash, property and stock, as well as funds from bequests, trusts and annuities. Some of these planned giving instruments even offer lifetime income payments back to the donor. But all of these gifts are invested, and the investment earnings provide annual support for Heifer International for many years into the future.

By investing the charitable gift prudently, the initial donation has a greater impact over a longer period. Each year, a portion of the endowment is provided to Heifer International to use to help end hunger and poverty. This sustainable cycle of support provides lasting resources for Heifer International's sustainable solution to end hunger and poverty.

Still confused?

In other words, if you want to buy a cow, goat or flock of chicks as an alternative gift, you should donate to Heifer International. Or if you wish to fund a program or project, you should donate to Heifer International. Depending on whatever you can give, smaller to larger gifts, there are many opportunities to create change; from technology support to program funding to helping create countrywide transformation, all things are possible.

But if you want to leave Heifer Foundation in your will, you can join Heifer Foundation's W.I.L.L. (Why I Leave a Legacy) Society and secure Heifer International's future work through your bequest. It's a way to donate your assets after your lifetime and ensure your values are carried on with your best interest at heart.

If Heifer International is a checking account, Heifer Foundation is the savings account. All is invested in the shared mission to help people in the margins of the world. As a donor, you decide where you want your money to work – immediately to take care of immediate needs or future gifts that are invested and protect Heifer International's legacy.

Either way, your gift creates hope, offers dignity and forges a way for disadvantaged people around the world to become self-reliant.

## **Including Heifer International or Heifer Foundation in Your Estate Plan**

So, now that you know the difference between the two organizations and have decided how you want your gift to be used, you can provide an end of life gift in several ways:

1. The most common method is to include a **bequest** for:
  - A percentage of your estate
  - A specific dollar amount
  - The residue of your estate after providing for others
2. You may also name Heifer International or Heifer Foundation as a **contingent beneficiary** in the event that other beneficiaries predecease you.
3. Another thoughtful arrangement is to establish a **trust or annuity in your will** that provides lifetime income for a loved one with the remainder eventually going to Heifer International or Heifer Foundation.
4. You can also name Heifer International or Heifer Foundation as a beneficiary of your **retirement assets** such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or pension plan. When these assets are left to family members, the funds received are taxed to your loved ones. However, gifting these assets to Heifer International or Heifer Foundation will be tax free since we are tax-exempt organizations allowing you to give other assets to your family members. Please contact your legal or financial advisor about how to provide for this type of bequest.

For the purpose of including Heifer International in your will, the legal name is “**Heifer Project International, an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas.**” The tax identification number is 35-1019477.

For the purpose of including Heifer Foundation in your will, the legal name is “**Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas.**” The tax identification number is 71-0699939.

By including Heifer International or Heifer Foundation in your will or revocable trust you provide an inheritance of hope for needy people who otherwise would inherit only hunger and poverty.

### **Sample Bequest Provisions**

Everyone’s will is a very personal document. The provisions in this personal document depend on a person’s wishes and circumstances. Perhaps one of these sample provisions will be helpful to you:

**Gift of a Percent of One’s Estate:** I give to Heifer Project International (HPI) or Heifer International Foundation (HIF), an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate for its general purposes OR for program use.

**Gift of a Specific Amount:** I give to (HPI or HIF), an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes OR for program use.

**Gift of remainder after other bequests have been made:** All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to (HPI or HIF), an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, for its general purposes OR for program use.

**Contingency Gift:** I give the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal, to my wife/husband, if she/he survives me. If my wife/husband does not survive me, I give my residuary estate to (HPI or HIF), an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Testamentary Charitable Trust or Annuity:** A charitable trust or annuity may be set up in your will to provide life income to a survivor, with the remainder going to (HPI or HIF) on the survivor's death. Contact Heifer Foundation for more information on this type of bequest.

### **Benefits of Making a Bequest to Heifer International or Heifer Foundation**

There are many advantages to leaving Heifer International or Heifer Foundation in your will or revocable trust. Bequests are very flexible, and if you already have a will or revocable trust, you can add a bequest to Heifer International or Heifer Foundation by simply creating a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust. A bequest can be changed at any time before death. Therefore, you remain in control of your assets until you pass away. A gift to charity at your death will provide your estate with a deduction for federal estate tax purposes and in most cases is exempt from state inheritance taxes.

### **For More Information**

For more information about how you can include Heifer International or Heifer Foundation in your will or trust, you can contact us at Heifer Foundation by calling our toll-free number 888-422-1161 or by emailing us at [info@heiferfoundation.org](mailto:info@heiferfoundation.org). Thank you for your interest in supporting the mission of Heifer even after your lifetime and providing poverty stricken families with the means to better their lives, sustain themselves, and strengthen their communities.