



HELPING HAND
FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is a Legacy Society?

Legacy Societies are a group of donors committing to a planned gift years or decades before an organization receives their gift. Legacy Society members need to have a plan in place to maintain it for the long haul. The gift can be via will, trust and/or stocks.

What is a legacy gift?

A legacy gift is a planned future gift that designates some part of a donor's assets or estates to one or more charity organizations (up to 33% as per Islamic Inheritance laws). Gifts are not restricted to just cash but can be physical or even digital assets. (Quran chapter #4, verses # 11, 12 & 176).

Who should sign up?

We encourage anyone interested in learning more about Planned Giving to sign up. Planned giving is not just for the wealthy. There is no minimum gift required.

Can assets other than cash be donated?

Yes, there are a many other assets that can be given besides cash. Please visit PlannedGiving.HHRD.org to find out how or consult your Imam, Islamic Scholar or an Investment Professional.

Can I change my gift later?

Yes - your gift can be changed later if desired.

What are the ways I can leave a legacy gift?

There are many ways, including making a bequest in a will or trust, naming HHRD a beneficiary of an IRA or pension fund, giving a gift of cash or assets, setting up a charitable remainder trust, or a variety of other ways which we can further discuss with you. A professional advisor can help you determine which method of giving is best for you.

Where do Helping Hand Legacy Society gifts go?

Legacy gifts to HHRD will be deposited into our HHRD endowment. If someone donates for a specific purpose, those wishes will be honored.

How much should I bequeath?

Islam allows up to one-third (33%) of one's wealth to be bequeath (gifted to the heirs as per Islamic laws) . However, a higher percentage can be bequeath if all the heirs agree that a larger percentage be given to charity, or if any heir wishes to forego his or her inheritance share for the bequest. Additionally, a higher percentage can be bequeathed if the bequeather has no Muslim heirs.

Who manages the Helping Hand Legacy Society funds?

A team of professionals and financial planners chosen by HHRD Management and Board provide guidance on how to further enhance our endowment. They have been doing so for many years and have an excellent performance record. HHRD plans on diversifying our endowment over time. More information to be provided in the near future.

How do I join the Helping Hand Legacy Society?

Just fill out an online request and our Planned Giving representative will contact you.

What language can I use to make a bequest to Helping Hand?

Here are some different suggestions to include in your bequest:

Residual Bequest Language

A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid: I give and devise to Helping Hand for Relief and Development Inc. (EIN 31-1628040), located in Southfield, MI, _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for [the area of greatest need, unrestricted endowment or designation].

Specific Bequest Language

Naming Helping Hand as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to Helping Hand for Relief and Development Inc. (EIN 31-1628040), located in Southfield, MI, the sum of \$_____ to be used for [the area of greatest need, unrestricted endowment or designation].

Contingent Bequest Language

Helping Hand for Relief and Development Inc. (EIN 31-1628040) may be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If [name(s)] is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to Helping Hand for Relief and Development Inc. (EIN 31-1628040), located in Southfield, MI, the sum of \$_____ [or _____% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to be used for [the area of greatest need, unrestricted endowment or designation].

How can I list Helping Hand as a beneficiary on my retirement plan?

There are three easy steps:

- 1) Request a "change of beneficiary" form from your plan administrator.
- 2) List Helping Hand for Relief and Development Inc. (EIN 31-1628040) as a beneficiary at the following address:

Helping Hand for Relief and Development

21199 Hilltop Street,
Southfield, MI 48033

- 3) Inform Helping Hand of your intentions, so we can thank you and recognize you as a member of the Helping Hand Legacy Society.

I don't see an answer to my question, can I speak with someone about my Planned Giving goals?

Sure, we encourage anyone interested in more information, or anyone who has further questions, to reach out to our Planned Giving Department by sending an email to PlannedGiving@hhrd.us

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