

Legacy Partners for Children



Dear Friend
of our ABCHomes Children,

We are amazed at how ABCHomes is blessed by our wonderful donors in so many different ways. Since our beginning in 1894, there have been years we simply would not have made it, had it not been for gifts we received from people after they went to heaven. They made gifts as a **bequest** - be·quest (bi·kwes't) n.

1. The act of giving, leaving by will, or passing on to another.
2. Something that is bequeathed; a legacy.

One special couple chose early in their marriage to make a difference - Robert and Bonnie Diemer. A caretaker in their declining years said, "They were known as good Christian people who lived a simple life in a home that Robert built more than sixty years ago. Bonnie passed away first and as Robert's health declined, he often asked about the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. He wanted to confirm that it was still the best place for his estate." In God's providence, his caretaker lived at the Children's Home as a child with her two brothers. She shared how ABCHomes had benefited not only her family, but also the Kingdom of God.

Bequests already made to our children include:

- A young unmarried man who at the time of his untimely death believed so strongly in our mission he had left his entire estate to our children
- A retired business executive who made ABCHomes the sole beneficiary of his life insurance policy as a part of his estate
- A retired educator who left her estate including her home and car
- An elderly widow who bequeathed her large farming operation jointly to ABCHomes and her church

One thing may separate these dear friends of children from you, You may not have finalized plans for your estate. If you have included ABCHomes in your estate plan, we would love to know and be able to guarantee your instructions will be carried out according to your wishes.

We are establishing ABCHomes' Legacy Partners for Children to encourage you to complete your plans and provide a way to give recognition and appreciation to individuals and families who make gifts to ABCHomes through estate plans, wills and trusts.

Charter membership in Legacy Partners will be open until June 30, 2008. We want to celebrate the generosity of those who care so deeply for children they chose to help through their estate plans. The following sample language is provided by the Arkansas Baptist Foundation and can be used to include a bequest to ABCHomes through your estate plan, will or trust.

GIFT LANGUAGE

If you would like to leave the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes a gift through your estate plan, please share this language with your attorney:

The gift of an amount or percentage of the estate or trust can be left to **"Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes, Little Rock, Arkansas, for its general purposes."**

If you would like to designate the gift for an existing account or endowment, you can change "for its general purposes" to **"for inclusion in the _____ Fund."** If you would like to designate the gift in another way, please call for the appropriate language.

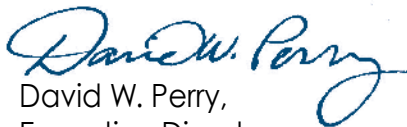
You may also wish to establish an endowment account with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. For example, the gift could be left to **"Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Little Rock, Arkansas, to establish the _____ (your names usually) Endowment Fund, net income of which is to be paid at least annually to the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes for its general purposes."** As above, you could designate a different purpose if desired.

If you (or your attorney) have any questions, call Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes 501-376-4791 ext. 5168 or outside the Little Rock area 800-838-2272, ext. 5168.

You may also call the Arkansas Baptist Foundation at 376-0732 or 1-800-798-0969. The Foundation is available to assist you in preparing documents to share with your attorney at no charge when you plan to benefit ABCHomes.

Thank you for giving hope, today and tomorrow, to the children who are in the care of ABCHomes. We are available day or night to visit with you by phone or in person.

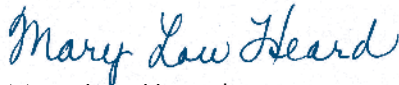
On behalf of His children in our care,



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P.S. Please allow this "one out of 10,000" in our care since 1894 to encourage you...

"The 7 years I spent in 'your' care are the reason I am where I am at today. If it weren't for the good Lord and the church, I would either be dead or in prison. I have many good memories of the way I was and the way I've turned out all thanks to you guys and God. Even though the home was hard my first few years, they were the most memorable years of my life, and I still hold it close to my heart as the family I had always dreamed of having. Thank you so much for all you have done for me and for what you are doing for the children now."