

Help Boys and Girls by Including CJR in Your Estate Planning

The Junior Republic has been helping youth since Mary Buel bequeathed her land, farmhouse and funds at the turn of the century to create a special place for troubled and wayward boys.

Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of hundreds of friends who have included CJR in their estate planning since Mary Buel's original bequest, the Connecticut Junior Republic has been able to provide innovative programs such as family services and aftercare. Bequests and planned gifts have also helped CJR maintain and improve its facilities, and provide students with an environment that nurtures pride, dignity, self improvement and social responsibility.

Unless specified otherwise by the donor, bequests and planned gifts are

board-designated for the endowment. Income from the endowment is critical to perpetuating the quality of CJR's programs, and to expanding services to meet the growing and increasingly complex needs of youth and families.

With permission, those who include CJR in their wills and estate plans are recognized as members of The Buel Society. The Buel Society honors the importance of such gifts to CJR's tradition of service to youth and families and helps ensure that the Junior Republic can continue its mission of service to boys, girls and families.

Should you wish to include CJR in your will, the language that follows may be helpful to you and your attorney:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the CJR Fund, Inc., of Litchfield, Connecticut, a non-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, _____% of my residuary estate to be used for its general corporate objectives and purposes."

OR

"I give, devise and bequeath to the CJR Fund Inc., of Litchfield, Connecticut, a non-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, the sum of \$ _____, to be used for its general corporate objectives and purposes."

OR

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal property, whether now by me owned or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, I give, devise and bequeath to the CJR Fund, Inc., of Litchfield, Connecticut, a non-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, for its general corporate objectives and purposes."

It is always recommended that those making or changing a will consult with an attorney or financial advisor.

The Junior Republic also offers charitable gift annuities for individuals who wish to make an irrevocable contribution while maintaining income for life.

If you have included the Connecticut Junior Republic in your estate planning, we hope you will advise the CJR development office to ensure that you are recognized as a member of The Buel Society.

For further information about including CJR in your will, please contact Hedy Barton, director of development (860) 567-9423.

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

If you believe that the work of the Junior Republic is important, please consider including CJR in your estate plan. Your legacy will help ensure that the Junior Republic can continue to help troubled and at-risk youth become contributing members of society.

Here are ten suggestions to consider in leaving a legacy to a charitable organization such as CJR:

1. **See your legal or financial advisor** about your will or estate plan.
2. **Prepare a will.** If you don't let people know what you want done with your belongings, others will decide for you.
3. **Leave a gift** in your will for the non-profit organizations that you feel strongly about.
4. **Consider your assets carefully.** Gifts to charity of stocks, bonds, real estate, certificates of deposit, savings bonds and other items of value, may provide tax savings.
5. **Remember loved ones** by making memorial or honorary bequests to charities.
6. **Use a life insurance policy for a gift.** Name your favorite charity as the beneficiary.

7. **Use retirement funds** to leave a legacy to charity. When given to heirs, these are often the most highly taxed assets in an estate.
8. **Ask your professional advisor** about how gifts to charity (including charitable gift annuities) can reduce taxes to your estate.
9. **Celebrate your legacy to the community.** Consider informing the charity of your gift so your vision and generosity can be recognized.
10. **Encourage your family and friends** to leave gifts to charities such as the Junior Republic in their wills.



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