



MERCY HOME FOR BOYS & GIRLS
2022 Legacy Challenge



Archangel Society

"If there is one phrase that I hear our kids repeat the most, it's this: Before I came to Mercy Home, I never saw myself as...

...an honor-roll student.

...a graduate.

...successful."

REV. L. SCOTT DONAHUE
PRESIDENT AND CEO
MERCY HOME FOR BOYS & GIRLS



For 135 years, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has provided children safety, education, and the skills to build brighter futures. And it's only possible because of friends like you.

Now, we invite you to take the next step to ensure that Mercy Home will continue to give the same love and care for the next 135 years. Please consider becoming an Archangel today.

WHAT IS AN ARCHANGEL?

By naming Mercy Home in their estate plans, members of the Archangel Society ensure our children and families have the tools they need to build healthy, productive lives. There is no financial cost during your lifetime to join the Archangel Society. But joining will enable you to help children who will turn to Mercy Home in the future. Your legacy gift will create a ripple effect of healing and opportunity for years to come.







Become an Archangel in 2022 to Make a Bigger Difference— Today and Tomorrow

The Legacy Challenge is a unique opportunity for you to increase your impact, making a difference now and later. Some good friends of the Home have made this challenge possible to inspire others to become Archangels and provide a safe home for our children well into the future. Thanks to their generous efforts, if you join the Archangel Society in 2022, you will have a portion of your contribution matched and gifted to the program you choose today.

This is a chance for you to make a difference in the lives of children in need today and provide safety and security for the children of tomorrow...all without spending a dollar in your lifetime.

How the Legacy Challenge Works

1. **Make a Legacy Gift.** Name Mercy Home as a beneficiary in your will, or trust, or on a financial account (such as a checking, savings, retirement, or brokerage account). *To learn more, see pages 7 and 8.*
2. **Tell us about your commitment.** Complete the enclosed Archangel Society Membership Form, and call 1-800-378-8266, or email plannedgift@mercyhome.org to let us know you'd like to join the Legacy Challenge.
3. **Unlock matching funds.** When you confirm your legacy gift, 10% of the current value of your gift intention (up to \$10,000) will be matched to help kids in need today.
4. **Choose your program.** You can designate these matched funds to the program area of your choice:
 - Boys Home Programs
 - Girls Home Programs
 - Community Care Programs
 - Wherever it's needed most



Put Mercy Home in your will today
and your legacy will support the youth of tomorrow.

"Mercy Home is the first place that's felt like a real home since my mom died. I used to think I would be alone forever. But now I know I have a family to support me."

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Remember Mercy Home in Your Will or Trust

Invest in the future by leaving a legacy gift to the children of Mercy Home.

WILLS

A will determines who will handle your final affairs and who will receive the gifts you leave behind. You can include special gifts or leave a percentage to family, friends, or charity. If you already have a will and would like to add Mercy Home to it, contact your attorney to amend the document. If you don't yet have a will, we recommend creating one right away.

TRUSTS

A trust allows you to manage the assets of your estate by designating specific gifts to those left behind or divvying up everything by percentages. Unlike a will, a trust is not a public document and will not subject your estate to probate court. Contact your attorney to request a restatement of your trust to add Mercy Home as a charitable beneficiary.

GIFT LANGUAGE

I hereby give, devise and bequeath ____ percent (___%) of the residue and remainder of my estate [or: the sum of \$_____] to Mission of our Lady of Mercy, Inc. (d/b/a Mercy Home for Boys & Girls), a nonprofit organization located at 1140 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607, Federal Tax ID #36-2171726.

Plant a seed
for the next
generation.

Name Beneficiaries to Your Financial Accounts

The easiest way to make a legacy gift is through a beneficiary designation of a retirement account, investment, or bank account—or even a life insurance policy. All you need is a legal name and Tax ID number. Be sure that your beneficiary designations name the correct persons or charities, and revisit them periodically to ensure your intentions will be followed.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

If you have a 401(k), 403(b), or IRA, you can fill out a form indicating who should receive your funds after you are gone. Charities like Mercy Home are tax-exempt, so your full gift will be used to help children in need. To update the beneficiaries of your retirement account, visit your plan's website or contact your plan administrator.

You will typically only need the following information to name Mercy Home as a beneficiary of your retirement account:

1. Our legal name: "Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, Inc."
2. Our Tax ID number: 36-2171726 (enter this in place of a Social Security Number)
3. Our mailing address:

Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, Inc.
1140 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60607

**The easiest
way to make an
extraordinary
gift.**

Thank You for Keeping Our Kids in Your Heart and Mercy Home in Your Will

By participating in the Legacy Challenge, you are creating hope and opportunity for the children who will rely on Mercy Home tomorrow. Your gift will enable Mercy Home to continue to change young people's lives for years to come. Thank you for being such a treasured protector and friend to our children.

Blessings,



Rev. L. Scott Donahue,
President and CEO, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls



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