

# Grand Rapids Community Foundation

## Want to Pay Even More Taxes? Don't Write a Will

*And someone else will make important & personal decisions for you.*



## Don't "Give" it in Taxes

If you decide not to write a valid will, you'll be giving the government the power to make important and personal decisions for you, and make choices that may increase your death taxes.

We've come up with an idea to get the government to help you and your family in ways you never imagined. And, it can be a surefire way to make your government love you. Why? You'll be giving the government even more power! And, you could be making Uncle Sam your happiest heir!

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### Don't write your will.

Without a will the court will decide how to disburse your assets. Of course, the court doesn't know which friend or relatives you're fond of or that you want to remember a few of your favorite charities in your will — and the court doesn't care.

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Without a will the court will select someone to handle your estate during probate. Even if you would have selected a close friend for this responsibility, the court won't know that and won't care.

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If you have minor children for whom guardianship is important, guess what? The court can pick a guardian for you. This means you can sit back and relax — the court will decide who should care for your kids. Wouldn't you rather make that decision?

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The estate tax dollars that your government could collect will be used for, well, anything the government chooses. Just think what a few of your favorite charities — those you've been supporting during your life — could do with that money.

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There are some darn good reasons why you should write your will. We at Grand Rapids Community Foundation urge you not to subscribe to the idea that you, your family, and the charities you care about are better off if you die without a will. Don't continue to put off the minor inconvenience of writing one. The peace of mind will be worth every minute of time you spend on completing your will.

Your family will be thankful. Your favorite charities will be thankful.

## Contact Information

Planning your estate and legacy for future generations including your charitable interests takes careful evaluation. Consulting with the appropriate professionals can assist you. Discussing your charitable intentions with us can lead to a much better result than going it alone — and will ensure that your gift is used just as you wish. We can provide valuable information about any of the creative giving techniques mentioned in these planned giving pages.

Act now to take the steps that you need to do to be a good steward of the resources you intend to leave behind. You can contact me below, or use our request for information form on our website to get more information.

