

# WHAT IS FRIENDS FOREVER INTERNATIONAL?

#### **ABOUT US**

Friends Forever International helps youth become the best versions of themselves so they can help their community become the best version of itself. FFI's vision is that every individual is supported to change their lives, their communities, and the world. FFI's goal is that every person who desires, regardless of ethnicity, religion, and socio-economic status will have the opportunity to build their leadership skills beyond what they imagined possible before participating in the program. These leaders will transform the way that they see the world and realize that they can change the world for the better. Now.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

The first delegation of FFI leaders, made up of Catholic and Protestant young men from Northern Ireland, traveled to New Hampshire in 1986. We expanded our work and now work with people from around the world as well as the US. For many years, FFI was engaged primarily in the practice of intergroup contact theory. More recently, FFI has evolved its understanding of conflict transformation beyond the status quo of traditional conflict resolution programs that are focused on large scale geopolitical issues, personalities, and themes into one that emphasizes individual leadership and community-level action. We have grown from a grassroots group of volunteers to a global organization with campuses and leadership programs on multiple continents.

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#### **OUR PRESENT**

FFI now enrolls hundreds of young leaders each year from the United States, as well as globally. Participants come as a group from schools/ afterschool programs, as well as individually applying. All accepted applicants that apply individually receive a 100% full scholarship. All youth from NH receive academic credit for completing an FFI program. To accommodate our programs' growth, FFI has been establishing hubs in strategic global locations. Our Global Hubs include the Office and Farmhouse in Durham, NH, the 70-bed FFI Center at Annalong, Northern Ireland, and our 30-acre Rainforest Academy in Belize.

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FFI's offers rigorous leadership programs for individuals and groups in the US and internationally. We currently work with middle and high school students, senior citizens, civic organizations, faith-based organizations, universities, and you and your company. Every program emphasizes elements of team building, leadership development, cultural appreciation, healthy living, creativity, and the arts. To learn more, visit www.ff.international/programs.







Friends Forever International is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

# HOW YOU CAN INCLUDE FFI IN YOUR PLANNED GIVING



No matter one's age or socioeconomic status, deciding how to bequeath one's assets is one of the most important decisions of a lifetime. How will you choose where to leave your legacy? Will you support our cause fifty years from now? At Friends Forever International, we help people determine an area of our program they feel passionate about sustaining for the long-term. What better gift is there to leave this world than leaving the legacy of peace?

## WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving – or charitable gift planning – is the term for a donation of assets to a charitable organization at the time or in anticipation of death.

The simplest form of a planned gift is a charitable bequest through your will or trust. With a bequest, you can direct a specific dollar amount or assets to FFI or direct a percentage of your estate to FFI.

Other planned gifts are more complex. To learn more about life-income gifts such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts, please contact our Executive Director, Steve Martineau, or speak with your estate attorney.

## **HOW DO I DIRECT MY GIFT?**

We will work with you to find the most meaningful connection between your wishes and the vision and goals of FFI. Those who remember FFI in their will or estate plan are warmly invited to membership in the '86 Society. Anonymous members are welcome as well.

There are several options which we can discuss, including:

- Create a Named Fund as part of our larger Endowment Fund. Named Fund gifts will be invested with our partners at Impax Fund, a socially responsible mutual fund that will ensure a permanent legacy.
- Supporting campus projects at our Global Headquarters in New Hampshire, the Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy in Belize, or the FFI Center at Annalong.
- All individuals that make a formal pledge to include FFI in their planned giving will become a member of the FFI '86 Society

# **HOW DO I MAKE A PLANNED GIFT TO FFI?**

There are many ways you can make a gift that will cost you nothing today and help you make a tax-wise investment in both your future and the future of Friends Forever International. You can support FFI's mission by:

- Including FFI as a beneficiary in your will or trust.
- Naming FFI as a beneficiary of an IRA, retirement plan, insurance policy, or bank account.
- Creating a charitable trust or another life-income gift.



# TAKING THE FIRST STEP

## **INFORMATION FOR ESTATE ATTORNEYS & ADMINISTRATORS**

Our address and contact information for estates and trusts is:

Friends Forever, Inc. 1 Morgan Way EIN: 02-0482213 603.397.5301

Durham, NH 03824

Note: Please have your broker contact Steve Martineau at office off. international directly for each transaction so that we can monitor its progress.

#### MAKING A GIFT THROUGH YOUR WILL OR TRUST

A will or trust is a thoughtful document that identifies the people and causes you care about most. You can make a gift of a specific dollar amount or particular assests to FFI. Or you can name FFI to receive all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate after specific amounts bequeathed to other beneficiaries are distributed and estate-related expenses are paid. Trusts which benefit both family members and FFI can be set up with your estate attorney. Examples include: a **Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)** or a **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)**.

- A CLT is primarily a vehicle for transferring wealth from one generation to another at deeply reduced estate or gift taxes.
- A CRT is a trust that pay donor(s) or their designated beneficiaries an income stream for their lifetimes, with the remainder then passing to charity upon the death of the final beneficiary.

#### **SPECIFIC BEOUEST**

A specific bequest names a particular dollar amount to be left to FFI.

For example:

"I give and bequeath to Friends Forever, Inc., a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, Tax ID number 02-0482213, with offices at 1 Morgan Way, Durham, NH 03824, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ to be used for the general purposes of the organization (or to be used for a specific purpose such as A or B)."

## PERCENTAGE BEQUEST

A percentage bequest names a percentage of your estate to be left to FFI. For example:

"I give and bequeath to Friends Forever, Inc., a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, Tax ID number 02-0482213, with offices at 1 Morgan Way, Durham, NH 03824,\_\_\_\_\_% of my estate, to be used for the general purposes of the organization (or to be used for a specific purpose such as A or 8)."

# NAME FFI AS A BENEFICIARY OF YOUR IRA OR OTHER QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN OR BANK ACCOUNT

Individuals who are 70 years and above can make a gift directly from their IRA account for maximum tax benefits. For many, retirement funds can be the most highly taxed assets owned, as the funds can be subject to both estate and income taxes. FFI is a tax-exempt, so your bequest of a retirement fund can pass to the organization tax-free. You can name FFI as a beneficiary on a bank or brokerage account through a "Pay on Death" or "Transfer on Death" option. Accounts that pass to FFI in this manager will not be included in probate.

## **GIFT OF REAL ESTATE**

FFI works closely with donors to explore all options to utilize gifts of real estate to expand our programs and generate income. If you would like your home or land to be a part of our mission for generations to come. You can also make a "Transfer on Death" designation on your deed or talk to us about a retained life estate. We look forward to making your dreams come true when it comes to creating a legacy of peace with your most cherished asset, your home.

# **DONATE STOCK**

Donating appreciated stock to Friends Forever International is a great way to move us forward in our mission while also realizing significant tax benefits (ask your broker or financial advisor for more information). If you are interested in supporting FFI in this way, please ask your financial advisor to contact **Tim Mardin** at Mardin Capital:

Mardin Capital Group Email: tim.mardin@lpl.com

Orchard Park Phone: 603-766-4700

**875 Greenland Road, Unit B10** Toll-Free: 866-209-1614

**Portsmouth, NH 03801 Fax:** 603-766-4701

# **WIRE TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS**

**Bank Name:** Cambridge Trust

**SWIFT Code:** CAUPUS31

**Routing Transit Number:** 011300595

Bank Address, City & State: Cambridge Trust

1336 Massachusetts Ave. Cambride, MA 02138

**Beneficiary Account Number:** Contact us

**Beneficiary Name:** Friends Forever Inc.

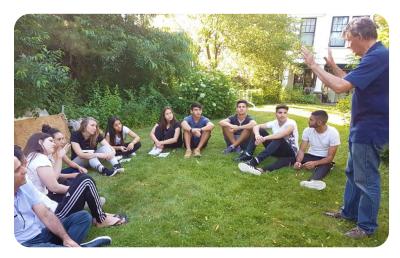
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Contact Steve Martineau, FFI's Executive Director, to discuss your plans. He can be reached by phone at **603.397.5301** or email, <a href="mailto:steve@ff.international">steve@ff.international</a>. All gifts will be placed in our Endowment unless otherwise specified for capital or program expenditures. Join FFI and support the young leaders that will change this world for the better!

# **IMPACT**

## **OUR APPROACH**

Below are stories of both traditional and non-traditional planned gifts that FFI has been privileged to receive in recent years. While these gifts are different, they represent a shared passion and commitment for the mission of Friends Forever International by the donors. Each of our donors has an understanding that legacy gifts can and will translate into significantly more impact both in the numbers of youth served as well as the depth and breadth of the programming. FFI is and always will consider our supporters as members of our family. We do not see gifts as "transactions" but rather as opportunities to make dreams come true: dreams of the youth we work with and dreams of the donors. We hope you are inspired by the gifts below and encouraged to contact us to learn more about how we can create a similar, meaningful gift opportunity for you and your family.





#### **LEONARD SEAGREN**

Over the years, Leonard has spent a lot of time with FFI talking about the long-term impact that he wants to have on these young global leaders. With a deep understanding of the needs of the organization, he began the process of gifting properties, including his own home of 40 years, to FFI to be used to both sustain and provide program opportunities for the organization.

When meeting new members of the FFI family, from wherever they are in the world, Leonard often says that "there are seven billion people in the world and today, and I am 10 people closer to being friends with all of them". We are thrilled that with these transformational gifts made while he is an active volunteer, Leonard can see the impact of these gifts and be a continued inspiration to the young leaders who will benefit from them for years to come.

FFI understands that a non-profit utilizing land and property donated by a donor is not the norm for most organizations. While this process involved a lot of time and conversations among Leonard, his advisors, our Board of Directors, and staff, the end result has been one that has exceeded all of our expectations. We are happy to talk with anyone that is considering making a gift like this to their favorite organization about the steps involved and how we were able to make it work.

#### JAMEY FRENCH, FFI BOARD CHAIR

Jameson French is one of FFI's most faithful supporters, serving as the chair of our board as well as our biggest cheerleader. Over the years, he has become very aware of the impact FFI has had on the lives of youth, their families, and their communities. To Jamey, FFI's impact has primarily been through his reflections on the deep connections that he and others he knows have made with the alumni. Recently, he visited the FFI Center in Annalong, Northern Ireland where he caught up with some of the participants he met during their time in the US for a hike and a pint at the local pub. These connections are part of what makes FFI so special.

All of this, as well as his deep belief in our programs and alumni, is what inspired Jamey to include FFI as a bequest in his will.

Although some of you may not be at the stage of life where this is the right thing for your estate planning, there are additional decisions that can be made now to make sure Friends Forever International will continue to make an impact for generations to come.

You can also create a named alumni fellowship fund to honor a loved one or add to one of our existing funds. By the end of 2022, we would like to launch our Legacy Society and publish a list of its charter members. We look forward to including you in FFI's ever expanding family!

# **ENDOWMENT**



# SUPPORTING FFI. SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE

After 30+ years of operation, we are proud to announce that we are partnering with Portsmouth, New Hampshire-based Impax Asset Management LLC and launching the FFI Endowment to provide ongoing support for the work we do both here in the US and around the world. The Endowment will be managed by Impax, the North American division of Impax Asset Management Group and investment adviser to Pax World Funds. Impax President Joe Keefe is a long-time supporter of and volunteer for FFI; Joe understands how important it is for FFI's endowment to invest in companies that meet key environmental, social, and governance standards. With this in mind, FFI is investing in the Pax Ellevate Global Women's Leadership Fund, which invests in the highest-rated companies in the world for advancing women.

The Endowment lets individuals contribute to the long-term sustainability of FFI while also actively promoting social justice values through their investments. FFI believes that everyone should be able to contribute to this Endowment so there is no minimum threshold for gifts to it.

If you are interested in learning more about the investment side of things, please contact Jenifer Cannon, VP of Business Development at Impax, at <u>i.cannon@impaxam.com</u>, or visit <u>www.ff.international/impax</u>.

## NAMED FUNDS

Are you interested in starting a named fund for an individual or company? Contributing to an existing fund? FFI Endowment funds via our Impax Ellevate Fund make it possible for these named funds to be started at \$50,000. Simply send in your contribution to FFI and note in your online or check memo "Impax Fund" and your contact information and an FFI staff member will be in touch to talk it through with you. If you are interested in learning more about named funds, visit <a href="https://www.ff.international/fellowships">www.ff.international/fellowships</a>.



# FFI The '86 Society Membership Form

Those who remember FFI in their will or estate plan are warmly invited to membership in the '86 Society. Anonymous members are welcome as well. All gifts will be placed in an Endowment unless otherwise specified for capital or program expenditures. Letting us know that you've taken this generous step to establish a lasting legacy with FFI is always up to you. If you do choose to notify us, we ask you to complete and return the following form; so that we can show our gratitude and celebrate your support. Thank you for supporting FFI with this meaningful gift!

Full name:
Mailing Address:
Phone:Email:
Name(s) as you would like them to appear on our '86 Society materials (neither the type of gift nor the amount will be listed), or write "Anonymous":
Providing the following information is optional but does assist the FFI with long-range planning.
My gift takes the form of:
☐ Bequest ☐ Life Insurance Policy ☐ Retirement Plan Beneficiary ☐ Other
The estimated value of my gift currently is: \$
I would like my gift to go towards the following:
□ Capital Improvements (USA, Northern Ireland, Belize campuses)
□ Named Scholarship via Endowment (\$50,000 minimum for one scholarship in perpetuity)
□ Other:
Signature(s):Date:

This form is non-binding and does not constitute a legal promise of any future donation to FFI. We understand that bequests are revocable and that your estate plans may change.

For questions, contact: Steve Martineau, (603) 397-5301 steve@ff.international

All conversations about your potential plans are strictly confidential.



