PLANNED GIVING Sustaining Our Impact



FRIENDS FOREVER INTERNATIONAL

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WHAT IS FRIENDS FOREVER INTERNATIONAL?

ABOUT US

Friends Forever International (FFI) is committed to empowering young people to unlock their full potential and become catalysts for positive change in their communities. FFI's vision is to create a world where every individual is supported to transform their lives, their communities, and the world at large. FFI believes that every person, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and make a meaningful impact in their communities. Through FFI's programs, participants will not only broaden their perspectives but will also discover their own power to make a real difference in the world today.

FFI's approach to youth development is unique in that it emphasizes a holistic approach to encourage individuals to improve their health and well-being, as well as that of their community and the planet. FFI's programs aim to inspire empathy, compassion, and understanding among youth from diverse backgrounds, encouraging them to work together to build a better world. By fostering leadership, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility for others, FFI helps young people become the best versions of themselves, ready to tackle the challenges of today's world.

FFI believes that transformational change is possible when individuals are supported and empowered to make a positive difference in their communities. Through its programs, FFI seeks to inspire young people to become leaders who are committed to creating a just and peaceful world for all. With its focus on youth empowerment, empathy, and social justice, FFI is helping to shape a new generation of leaders who are poised to make a real impact in their communities and beyond.

OUR HISTORY

FFI has a rich history of promoting peace and reconciliation. It all began in 1986 when FFI invited a delegation of Catholic and Protestant young men from Northern Ireland to travel to New Hampshire. Since then, FFI has expanded its work and now collaborates with people from all over the world, as well as the US. Initially, FFI was primarily focused on intergroup contact theory. However, over time, the organization has evolved its understanding of conflict transformation beyond traditional conflict resolution programs. FFI now emphasizes individual leadership and community-level action as a means of promoting peace and reconciliation.

From humble beginnings as a grassroots group of volunteers, FFI has grown into a global organization with campuses and leadership programs on multiple continents. Through its innovative and effective programming, FFI has helped countless individuals become catalysts for positive change in their communities and beyond.

OUR PRESENT

Each year, Friends Forever International warmly welcomes hundreds of aspiring leaders from every corner of the world. Participants join us from diverse backgrounds and regions, each embarking on transformative journeys fostered by FFI's commitment to accessibility. We proudly provide 100% full scholarships to all accepted individual applicants, covering both travel and program costs to ensure that financial barriers do not hinder participation.

Separately, our participants from New Hampshire benefit distinctively—they earn academic credit upon completing an FFI program, effectively merging leadership development with their educational progress.

To amplify our global impact, FFI has strategically established dynamic Global Hubs. These include the vibrant Office and Farmhouse in Durham, NH; the 70-bed FFI Center in Annalong, Northern Ireland; and the eco-focused 30-acre Rainforest Academy in Belize. Each hub serves as a vital center of innovation, collaboration, and transformation, equipping youth to lead boldly and effect lasting change.

Your planned giving can significantly enhance our mission on various levels. Contributions can be directed towards supporting our global, national, or statewide youth programs or allocated for specific improvements and projects at our campuses. This flexibility in donation options allows you to impact directly the areas of our work that resonate most with your values.

FFI PROGRAMS

FFI's rigorous leadership programs are designed to empower individuals and groups worldwide. Our programs cater to a diverse range of participants, including middle and high school students, senior citizens, professional leadership groups, civic organizations, faith-based organizations, universities, and more. Each program emphasizes team building, leadership development, cultural appreciation, healthy living, and the arts. Our programs are highly flexible and tailored to the specific needs and goals of the participants. We offer virtual, hybrid, and in-person programming options to accommodate diverse learning styles and preferences. Participants engage in self-reflective activities and team-building exercises that build self-confidence, enabling them to overcome community challenges with newfound strength and determination.

To learn more, visit **www.ff.international/programs**.

HOW YOU CAN INCLUDE FFI IN YOUR PLANNED GIVING

INCLUDING FFI IN A WILL & PLANNED GIVING

Planning how to distribute one's assets is a significant decision that everyone must make, regardless of age or socioeconomic status. Where do you want to leave your legacy? Will you continue to support our cause in the next fifty years? At Friends Forever International, we assist individuals in identifying a program area they are enthusiastic about supporting in the long run. Leaving behind a legacy of peace is one of the most valuable gifts that you can give to the world.

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving, also known as charitable gift planning, is a powerful way to make a difference in the world by donating your assets to a charitable organization, either during your lifetime or after your passing. It's a way to leave a lasting impact that will benefit future generations and help to create a better world.

A charitable bequest through your will or trust is a simple form of planned giving that allows you to direct a specific dollar amount or assets to FFI, ensuring that your legacy of giving lives on. But there are many other ways to give, such as life-income gifts, including charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts. These gifts can provide income to you or your beneficiaries while also supporting the causes you care about. Through planned giving, you have the power to make a significant difference in the world, leaving a legacy that reflects your values and supports the causes that matter most to you. With FFI, you can create a lasting impact and help to build a world where peace and compassion are at the forefront.

HOW DO I DIRECT MY GIFT?

At FFI, we understand that your gift is deeply personal, and we are committed to helping you find the most meaningful way to direct it towards our vision and goals. Whether you want to create a lasting legacy of peace, support campus projects at our global headquarters, or contribute to our endowment fund, we are here to help you every step of the way.

If you decide to remember FFI in your will or estate plan, we warmly invite you to join the **'86 Society**, a group of individuals dedicated to creating a more peaceful world through planned giving. Anonymous members are welcome too.

There are several options available to you, including creating a Named Fund as part of our larger Endowment Fund. Your Named Fund gift will be invested with our partners at Impax Fund, a socially responsible mutual fund that will ensure a permanent legacy of peace. You can also support campus projects at our Global Headquarters in New Hampshire, the Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy in Belize, or the FFI Center at Annalong. These projects are critical to our mission of creating a more peaceful world and can have a significant impact on the communities we serve.

No matter what your preferences are, we will work with you to ensure that your gift has the greatest possible impact. When you make a formal pledge to include FFI in your planned giving, you will become a member of the FFI '86 Society, joining a community of like-minded individuals who share your passion for creating a more peaceful world.

HOW DO I MAKE A PLANNED GIFT TO FFI?

Making a planned gift to Friends Forever International (FFI) is a powerful way to create a better world for future generations. Not only does it cost you nothing today, but it can also provide you with a tax-wise investment in your future and the future of FFI.

There are many ways to support FFI's mission, including:

- Including FFI as a beneficiary in your will or trust, allowing you to leave a lasting legacy of peace that reflects your values and supports the causes that matter most to you.
- Naming FFI as a beneficiary of an IRA, retirement plan, insurance policy, or bank account, ensuring that your assets are used to create positive change in the world.
- Creating a charitable trust or another life-income gift, which can provide you with a stream of income while also supporting FFI's programs and services.

By making a planned gift to FFI, you can make a significant impact on the world while also securing your own financial future. Our team is available to help you explore your options and find the best way to support our mission of creating a more peaceful world. Together, we can build a brighter future for all.



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

Durham, NH 03824

603.397.5301

Note: Please have your attorney contact Steve Martineau at office@ff.international directly with any questions.

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 B)."

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 manner 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. 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

Orchard Park
875 Greenland Road, Unit B10

Portsmouth, NH 03801

Email: tim.mardin@lpl.com

Phone: 603-766-4700

Toll-Free: 866-209-1614 **Fax:** 603-766-4701

WIRE TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Bank Name: Eastern Bank

SWIFT Code: EASRUS3B

Routing Transit Number: 011301798

Bank Address, City & State: Eastern Ban

Eastern Bank 195 Market St Lynn, MA 01901

Beneficiary Account Number: Contact us

Beneficiary Name: Friends Forever Inc.

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

Contact Steve Martineau, FFI's Executive Director, to discuss your plans. He can be reached by phone at **603.397.5301** or email, **steve@ ff.international**. 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

At FFI, we have received a variety of planned gifts from both traditional and non-traditional sources in recent years. While these gifts may differ in nature, they all demonstrate a shared passion and commitment to FFI's mission by the donors. Our donors understand that legacy gifts can have a significant impact, both in the number of youth served and the depth and breadth of programming.

We consider our supporters as members of our family. We view gifts not as transactions but as opportunities to make dreams come true for the youth we serve and for the donors themselves. We hope that the stories of these inspiring gifts will encourage you to contact us and 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.

JO LAMPREY

Josephine "Jo" Lamprey was a dear friend of Friends Forever International (FFI). Jo was not only one of our biggest advocates, but she was also a pillar for other organizations and causes in the Seacoast area. She deeply cared for the environment, animals, human services, and youth.

Jo was on the FFI board of directors for seven years, including serving as our Vice Chair. Jo was a forward thinker and pushed everyone to do their absolute best.

Jo embodied all of the values that we work to instill in the young people of FFI, including resilience, empathy, playfulness, having an impact, and, of course, putting in the effort. She was constantly engaged in helping build a more sustainable, just, beautiful, and compassionate world. Jo was a mentor to many of our participants and an inspiration to all who had the opportunity to meet her.

As part of her estate plan, Jo left a gift to FFI that will fund 10 Full Student Scholarships in perpetuity as well as an annual Jo Lamprey Alumni Fellow.

Endowment Goal = \$10 million | 200 Scholarships

ENDOWMENT

CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY: YOUR LEGACY WITH FFI

At Friends Forever International, our partnership with Impax Asset Management LLC in managing the FFI Endowment stands as a testament to our commitment to long-term sustainability and the impactful legacy of our donors. This strategic collaboration ensures that your contributions provide enduring support for transformative programs that empower young leaders globally.

Your planned gifts are not merely donations; they are investments in the future. By supporting FFI, you are helping to cultivate the next generation of leaders—business professionals, nonprofit innovators, educators, environmentalists, and policymakers. These individuals are being shaped into empathetic leaders through our programs, destined to strengthen the backbone of societies around the world. Our training today yields a significant return on investment as these young leaders transition from being service recipients to pivotal service providers, enhancing their communities and creating a better society.

Each donor contributing to our Endowment becomes an esteemed member of the **'86 Society**, joining a community dedicated to fostering peace and leadership. As we pursue our initial goal of growing the Endowment to \$10,000,000, your legacy plays a crucial role. This milestone is not just an ambition; it is a reflection of our collective commitment to making a lasting difference.

We invite you to be part of this visionary journey. There is no minimum requirement for contributions, allowing everyone to participate in building a sustainable future.

For more information on how you can contribute to the FFI Endowment or to explore this opportunity further, please contact Steve Falci, Former Head of Systematic & Multi-Asset Strategies and Co-Head Quantitative Research Group at Impax (ret.), at **steve.falci@qmail.com**, or visit our dedicated page at **www.ff.international/impax**.

NAMED FUNDS

Interested in starting or contributing to a named fund for an individual or company? FFI Endowment funds make it possible to start named funds with a contribution of \$50,000 or more. To get started, simply send in your contribution to FFI, noting "Impax Fund" in your online or check memo along with your contact information. An FFI staff member will then be in touch to discuss your named fund. If you are interested in learning more about named funds, email Steve at steve@ff.international.

NAMED FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

Guy Buesing
Holly Caswell
Dorothy Caswell
Elieen D. Foley
Jameson French
Josephine Lamprey
Maxine Morse
Bob Raiche Sr.

MEMBERS OF 86' SOCIETY (THOSE WHO HAVE INCLUDED FFI IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS)

Josephine Lamprey (d.) Leonard Seagren Bob Weldon Tim Allison & Estie Ott* Karen Babin* Harriet Forkey* Carolyn Vinica*

*gifts in 2024



FF 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 ☐ Real Estate ☐ Other
I would like my gift to go towards the following:
☐ Capital Improvements (New Hampshire, Northern Ireland, Belize campuses)
□ Named Scholarship via Endowment (\$50,000 minimum for one scholarship in perpetuity)
\square Named Scholarships for full team of youth via Endowment (\$500,000 minimum for ten scholarship in perpetuity)
□ Other:
The estimated total value of my gift currently is: \$
Signatura/s):
Signature(s): Date:

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

All conversations about your potential plans are strictly confidential.

