



August 2024: Make a Will Month

What You Should Know:

- According to a recent survey conducted by [Caring.com](https://www.caring.com), more than 60% of Americans do not have a will or any estate planning documents. This means that a majority of Americans have not made any legal arrangements for their assets and property after their death.
- 1 out of 4 Americans say inflation has caused them to see a greater need for estate planning.
- Younger Americans are 63% more likely to have an estate plan than in 2020, and more than 1 out of 3 say that inflation has caused them to see a greater need for an estate plan.

These statistics highlight the urgent need for Americans to prioritize estate planning and to seek the assistance of legal professionals to ensure that their wishes are carried out after their death.

Why You Should Care:

Secure Your Legacy: Don't leave important decisions up to chance—writing your last will and testament allows you to leave a lasting impact and protect what matters most.

Craft Your Story: By documenting your wishes and distributing your assets according to your desires, you shape the narrative of your life and leave a meaningful legacy for generations to come.

Peace of Mind: Making a will ensures that your wishes are respected and provides your loved ones with a clear roadmap for the future.

Protect Your Loved Ones: By expressing your wishes regarding inheritances, guardianship of minor children, and end-of-life decisions, you protect your family from unnecessary stress and uncertainty during difficult times.

Empower Your Impact: Make-A-Will Month is not just about personal matters; it's an opportunity to make a positive impact on causes you care about. By including charitable bequests in your will, you can support organizations and initiatives that align with your values, leaving a lasting imprint on the world.

What You Can Do:

Make-A-Will Month is the perfect time to take control of your future and ensure that your loved ones are taken care of and make an impact for your community and its particular needs. [Free Will has simple steps to get started.](#)

There are several types of planned gifts that may be of interest to you, allowing you to protect your family and to give to your community. [This resource may help you learn more about those options.](#)

Please consider Jefferson Healthcare Foundation as a good steward of your planned gift. Our mission is to help Jefferson Healthcare ensure that local healthcare is better healthcare. [Visit our Giving Page](#) or [contact us for questions or more information.](#)

Finally, we are considering hosting some free educational events about planned giving. [Please take this short survey](#) to help us understand the level of interest. It should take 1-2 minutes to complete.

We appreciate your time!

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