



Legacy Giving

Everyone deserves to be safe.

For a quarter century, JCADA – the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse – has worked to create a Greater Washington community that is free from



intimate partner violence. We've made wonderful progress, yet our work including our support of victims is far from over.

Your legacy gift will help ensure that JCADA's essential work continues. It also will enable your lifelong spirit of care and generosity to live on when you are no longer here.

The simplest way to make a legacy gift is to name JCADA as a beneficiary of

- **your will or trust,**
- **life insurance policy,**
- **retirement plan, or**
- **donor advised fund.**

The following pages provide options and tips that we hope you'll find helpful. JCADA executive director Amanda Katz would welcome the opportunity to discuss these and other planned giving options with you. Please contact her at amanda@jcada.org or 301-315-8040.

Supporting JCADA THROUGH A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Bequests are easy to make, easy to change, and could include instructions on how JCADA should use your gift. In addition, because bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes, the charitable deduction you receive might offset or outright eliminate estate taxes.

There are many kinds of bequests. Here are three examples.

A **percentage bequest** would provide JCADA with a specific percentage of your overall estate. For example, you might choose to leave 10 percent of your estate to the agency.

A **residual bequest** would come from the balance of your estate after required distributions to your other heirs. For example, you might leave JCADA 20 percent of whatever assets remain.

A **contingent bequest** to JCADA would support the agency only if the primary bequest could not be met. For example, you could leave \$10,000 to a relative, but the bequest could state that if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, all or a part of that \$10,000 would go to JCADA.

A legacy donor left this voicemail message for our executive director.

I'm sorry that we keep missing one another's calls. Your message of gratitude warmed my heart! I never realized how grateful you and the agency would be for my legacy gift. I guess everyone saw it as me saying, "Good work, keep it up." And I do mean that.

Naming JCADA as a beneficiary was so easy! Frankly, I feel bad that I waited so long to do it.

Whether making an outright, contingent, or residual bequest, many donors find that stipulating a percentage rather than a dollar amount works best because it's impossible to predict the future size of most estates. Each donor's circumstance is unique, however, and the decision is up to you.

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For specific advice about the effect of any planning concept on your taxes, finances, or estate, **please consult a qualified professional advisor.**

As a general rule, bequests of cash or securities are best. Because JCADA is a small organization and because we strive to keep costs low, we typically are unable to accept such gifts as real estate, home furnishings, vehicles, family businesses, artwork, or intellectual property rights. Each of those could result in complicated and expensive administrative, legal, or financial transactions. It's also sometimes difficult or impossible for us to accept gifts that are limited to certain specific programs or purposes, so we encourage potential donors to talk with our executive director as they formulate their legacy plans.

Most important: you should speak with your attorney before making any bequest.

The following sample bequest language could help you and your attorney create a bequest that is right for you:

I bequeath an amount equal to __ percent of the net value of my estate [OR the sum of _____ dollars OR all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to the Greater Washington Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, Federal Tax ID 52-2259318, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, located in Rockville, Maryland. It is my intent that this bequest be used for the area of greatest need at the time it is received [OR for a specific purpose that you have discussed with JCADA's executive director].

If you want your gift to support a specific purpose, we ask that you add the following sentence to help ensure that JCADA could put your gift to good use:

If the need for funds described above no longer exists, the executive director and/or the Board of Directors are authorized to use these funds in the best interest of the Greater Washington Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse.

JCADA promises to be a good steward of the funds you entrust to us.

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Supporting JCADA AS A BENEFICIARY OF OTHER ASSETS

A will does not govern the assets of your life insurance policy, retirement plan, IRA, or donor advised fund, but you could name JCADA as a beneficiary to any or all of those assets by completing the unique beneficiary designation form that each policy, plan, or fund provides. Before you do that, however, it's wise to seek counsel from your estate planning attorney or financial advisor. Also, it's important that you be specific about each charity you want to support because there are so many organizations with similar-sounding names.

Please list JCADA just as you would list the agency in a will, i.e., “the Greater Washington Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, Federal Tax ID 52-2259318, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, located in Rockville, Maryland.”

A NOTE ABOUT DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Do you have a donor advised fund, or “DAF” as it's sometimes called? If not, you might benefit by creating one.

A DAF's primary purpose is to support the charities you hold dear. It is designed to maximize your charitable dollars, maximize your tax benefits, enable you to grant funds to the charities you admire, and help you grow a charitable nest egg to bequeath to JCADA or other deserving organizations.

JCADA can receive annual gifts as well as bequests through many DAF-sponsoring organizations including the Fidelity Charity Gift Fund, Vanguard Charitable, and the Greater Washington Community Foundation. However, we have a special relationship with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Washington, which manages DAFs for individuals, synagogues, and other organizations including agencies like ours that are supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Federation operates the Jewish Community Foundation as a community service, and you will find information about it at jcfdgw.org.



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Become a Legacy Leader!

If you have included JCADA in your estate plans or if you plan to do so soon, you are eligible to become a JCADA Legacy Leader. Please complete the form on the next page and return it to us at the address on the form itself or email a scan of it to executive director Amanda Katz at amanda@jcada.org. The form does not legally obligate you in any way.

On the form, you could choose to remain anonymous or to give JCADA permission to publicly list your name as a means to applaud your support and inspire others to follow your lead.

For additional information, contact

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JCADA's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ohr Kodesh Congregation

8830 Meadowbrook Road, Chevy Chase

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Information about our newest Legacy Leader!

This form can also be found at jcada.org/get-involved/legacy-giving

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: (____) _____
 Email: _____

Please check one:

I already have included JCADA as a beneficiary in my estate plan.

I intend to include JCADA as a beneficiary in my estate plan.

By checking one of the boxes above and otherwise completing this form, you become a JCADA Legacy Leader. To inspire others to make similar gifts and to publicly applaud your support, we would like to publicly list your name along with the names of other Legacy Leaders. Would that be okay to do?

Yes. Please list my name as _____

No. I prefer to remain anonymous.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Contact Amanda Katz, JCADA executive director, at amanda@jcada.org or 301-315-8040.

Please send this completed form to Amanda Katz at amanda@jcada.org or JCADA, P.O. Box 2266, Rockville, MD 20847. Thank you!

*Please encourage your spouse or partner to become a Legacy Leader, too, by completing a separate form. It is especially important that we receive two forms if you jointly hold any of the bequeathed assets.

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