#### ACCEAR PAIL

All Katie wanted was to invite her school friends to her church's Christmas party. But as the tenyear-old handed out flyers, her teacher stopped her, saying Katie would need permission from the principal first.

Katie was surprised – she did not remember anyone having to get approval to invite friends to their soccer games and birthday parties. But her principal asked the district superintendent, who said no.

The decision crushed Katie, who loves to share her faith in God. She could not understand the problem, and the more they thought about it, her parents could not either. They decided to challenge the district's policy, and enlisted Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys to file a lawsuit on their behalf.

Eventually, a federal court ruled the district's policy unconstitutional. Changing their policy meant

changing similar ones in hundreds of other districts across several states – freeing millions of schoolchildren to share their faith... including Katie.

Soon after the decision, Katie handed out flyers for another church event. One of her friends came, and accepted Christ. Soon that friend's family started coming to church. They are Christians now, too. That is

"If you teach a student at a young age that her faith is unconstitutional in school, she is learning a lesson she will carry with her for the rest of her life. But if you teach her that it is not only constitutional, but right for her to share her faith with other students...then she will carry that with her for the rest of her life."

– David Cortman, Katie's ADF attorney

the difference – the eternal difference – your gift to Alliance Defending Freedom can make. Together we are charting a clear path for the Gospel to be heard.





GUIDE TO CREATING A GOD-HONORING WILL

### YOUR NEXT STEP

It is easy to leave a gift in your Will or Trust to Alliance Defending Freedom

Leaving a gift in your Will or Trust to Alliance Defending Freedom is a great way to leave a legacy. Writing or changing these legal documents is a fairly simple task. Everyone should have a Legacy Plan and update it on a regular basis.

To explore your next step, please visit our helpful gift planning site: www.ADFLegacy.org. Easy-to-understand information and guidance to help you create a God-honoring Will that will bless your family and have a lasting Kingdom impact is provided.

If you have any questions about the best way for you to benefit through a planned gift, please call. A member of our team will be happy to help you. Thank you for making the ministry of Alliance Defending Freedom possible! We deeply appreciate your commitment to protecting religious freedom for your family and future generations.

Thank you!

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When you leave a gift in your Will or Trust to benefit Alliance Defending Freedom, you can be sure that your family and generations to come will live in a nation where they can freely live out their faith.



# HOW A GIFT IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST PROTECTS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Throughout our history, we have provided direction for a vast future of religious freedom for your children and their children. When you leave a gift to support the future work of Alliance Defending Freedom in your Legacy Plan (in the form of a Will and/or Trust) you can be sure that your family and generations to come will live in a nation where they can freely live out their faith.

A gift in your Will or Trust does not have to be large to make a difference. Just a small percentage of what is left after your loved ones are provided for can make a significant impact on preserving and protecting the rights of Christians to express their faith.

Perhaps you are reading this brochure and you have already included a gift to support Alliance Defending Freedom in your Will or Trust. We are so humbled and grateful that you have made this decision. By choosing to bless us, you are helping defend religious freedom, and setting a powerful example for your family. But maybe the thought of a gift in your Will or Trust is brand new to you. We are happy to help you get started.

# TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The process of updating or creating your Will or Trust is more important than ever, because the core values we cherish are under fierce and relentless legal attack by those who are determined to silence people of faith. These challenges are more than legal skirmishes... they are ongoing, pitched battles for the soul of Christianity worldwide.



## **WHY YOU NEED A PLAN**

For many people, a Legacy Plan is an expression of their belief that God owns everything and wants us to manage the resources He entrusts to us before and after we are called to our eternal home. However, up to 70 percent of adults do not have an up-to-date Will or Trust. In addition to reflecting God-honoring stewardship, here are several reasons to create or update a Will or Trust:

- You get to decide who will be the next steward of the resources God has entrusted to you.
- An up-to-date Will or Trust reflects changes in your family, financial situation, or tax laws.
- You determine who will care for your loved ones and how your assets should be distributed.
- You can help your favorite charitable organization and ministries such as Alliance Defending Freedom.
- Your family will avoid unnecessary costs and hassle.
- You will have peace of mind knowing that your "house" is in order.
- It will act as a rudder, steering your finances and family toward what you value most.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

Many of our friends see their Will or Trust not as a legal document — but an act of worship. Creating or updating your Will or Trust is an opportunity to reflect on the many ways God has blessed you in your lifetime, and then to respond with gratitude. For example, preparing a Will or Trust helps you think through important questions such as:

- Does my Will or Trust reflect what is important to me and my family?
- What kind of legacy do I want to leave for my
- How would an inheritance to my children impact their lifestyle?
- What are the beliefs and values I want to pass along to the next generation?
- What kind of world do I want to leave behind for those I love?
- Does my Will or Trust reflect my love for my church and ministries God has called me to support?