## **Can You Leave a Legacy?**

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What does it mean to leave a legacy? A legacy can be a financial gift which keeps giving or a legacy can refer to an impact someone has made on their community or family which lives on long after an individual has passed away. A legacy is not something only the rich and famous leave.

One way to leave a legacy is to establish a scholarship fund for students who cannot afford to attend a specific school. Leaving a financial gift to a city or a local youth sports program to create a baseball field or playground can be a great legacy to leave a community.

A legacy does not have to involve money. You can leave a legacy of volunteering for a charity or cause in which you believe. There are animal shelters, workforce education centers, and women's shelters that all rely on volunteers to serve those in need. Helping these organizations continue to help others is a rewarding legacy you can leave without a financial sacrifice.

Reflecting on your values and what matters most to you is an important step in deciding what kind of legacy you want to leave. Your financial status and your health will also be a factor in what kind of legacy you can leave. You can pass your values on to your children or your community and that is the best legacy to leave. An experienced estate planning attorney can help you create a legacy which honors your values.

## **Getting Legal Help**

Experienced California Estate Planning Attorney Shannon Howell can help you understand estate planning and create a plan to protect your assets and your loved ones. **Contact us today to discuss your individual planning needs at (619)-739-4657 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting (619)-739-4657 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting.**