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Create a Lasting Legacy

Include "Ding" in Your Estate Plans

Naming the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society in your Will or other planned gifts



Americans are well-known for volunteering their time and other resources for the benefit of causes in which they believe. As a result, all our lives are enriched. Many people also choose to include their charitable interests in their long-range financial planning. The will is one of the most popular vehicles for making long-range gifts.

A will is a legal document that protects your assets and helps minimize the chances of a contest over your estate. If you die without one, your estate will be distributed according to a rigid legal formula and not as you may have wished.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS), the non-profit friends group supporting the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island is honored to have been included in many benefactor's Last Wills and Testaments as well as beneficiaries of trusts, retirement funds and insurance policies. It's quite simple to do.



You may name the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society in your will or other planned gifts as follows:

"I [name], of [city, state, ZIP] give, devise and bequeath to The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation, located on Sanibel Island, Florida" [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for [designate the purpose, if desired, or leave blank for gifts to be used to address the greatest need]."



The IRS has granted the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, Inc. tax-exempt status and any gift to our organization is tax-deductible and will help offset inheritance taxes your family or friends might otherwise be obligated to pay. **Our Tax Identification Number for the Society is: 59-2240895**

If there is a specific area within the refuge you would like to support, it is important to us that we meet in person or over the phone to discuss your interests.

DDWS recommends that you consult with estate planning, legal and accounting professionals to determine the proper gift vehicle that best fits your tax and financial interests.



The 45/82 Society

The 45/82 Society at the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) was established to recognize those friends who have chosen to honor the Society with a planned or deferred gift. By creating a personal legacy, members of this society have also created a lasting legacy for the wildlife refuge. Your gift through your estate, large or small, is critical to the refuge and its work in conservation, wildlife protection and education. We would like to recognize you as a member of the Society, unless you prefer anonymity.

