

# Plan <u>now</u> to leave a legacy.

## A Charitable Bequest:

- Costs you nothing today.
- Can be altered later on, if you find it necessary to do so.
- Does not preclude gifting your heirs as much of your estate as you wish.
- Can help plant seeds of peace for generations to come.

### **How to Make a Bequest:**

Meet with your attorney or financial consultant to add a provision in your will for a gift to WILPF US.

Your gift could consist of specific assets:

- like stocks and bonds
- any specific dollar amount of cash or assets
- a percentage of your estate (5%, 25% or up to 100%) after all your expenses are paid and gifts you designate are distributed.

Or you could make WILPF US the beneficiary of life insurance.

# Thoughtful Pre-Planning relieves your family of hard decisions at an emotional time.

It's usually a good idea to notify your family of your intention to make this bequest, so there are no surprises.

Pre-Plan your funeral arrangements. Funeral homes help you select your preferred funeral arrangements and prepay them, so your family is not burdened by these decisions as they mourn. Consider writing your own obituary, so it conveys what you wish to share about your life.

'In lieu of flowers', donations for peace. Ask your family, heirs or executor to designate WILPF as the charitable gift recipient in your funeral Announcement.

Keep a file and notify your family of its location, so they can find your funeral plan, will, bank information, lawyer and accountant's contact information, a list of people you want to notify (including WILPF US), a copy of your most recent tax return, and your prepared obituary.

#### Sample Will Language

"I bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ or \_\_% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to Peace Development Fund, 44 N. Prospect Street, Amherst MA 01002, Tax Number 04-2738794, for the benefit of WILPF US for its general purposes."

#### Sample Statement for Family Members

"I've been committed to the work of WILPF US for \_\_\_ years. I'm planning a bequest to WILPF in my will. I'm putting whatever assets remain after my debts and inheritances, towards the work of my heart... the cause of peace."