# **SOWING SEEDS OF PEACE:** Plan now to leave a legacy.

Your most fervent hopes for <u>PEACE</u> can resonate far beyond today.



## You don't have to be a millionaire to leave a meaningful bequest.

People just like you have made a huge difference for WILPF.

### **ETHEL TOBACH**

Ethel Tobach, PhD of Wayland MA spent many of her 94 years as a pacifist and lifelong peace activist. Born in Ukraine, Ethel's family had fled the Russian revolution for Palestine. When her father passed away, her mother brought her as a baby to the US. Ethel spent her career as a researcher and eventually curator of the American Museum of Natural History. She was well known as a tireless crusader for human rights and dignity. Her bequest to WILPF US in 2015 was not huge, but represented a symbol of her lifelong support for peace.



### **WILMER BRANDT**

Wilmer Brandt, 96 of Marshfield VT, was not a rich man and lived very simply as a forester, but his generosity to WILPF was significant in his estate giving plan. He was committed to peace and justice, and was a conscientious objector during World War II. Wilmer participated in Friday Peace vigils in Montpelier and belonged to the Friends Meeting House. Even though he had never earned a huge salary, his generosity to WILPF in 2016 was significant support for ongoing projects.



#### **ETHEL SANJINES**

When Ethel passed in 2011 at 97, she was not even a member of WILPF, but she had been active in San Francisco's Women for Peace, which shared an office with WILPF. Her bequest to WILPF through our fiscal sponsor lent stability to WILPF US during times of transition.

#### HAZEL VIRGINIA EVANS

A 45 year WILPF member from Philadelphia, PA and Woburn, MA left a small bequest to WILPF US. Her family also directed memorials to WILPF, which increased the strength of her legacy.





You, too, could amplify and support the work of peace activists, now and for years to come.

"WILPF's dedication to peace and equality has been the driving force of my activist life. And I've been at it a long time."

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- Ruth Zalph, Triangle Branch, North Carolina. Member since 1960s.

(Our cover photo features Ruth representing WILPF US at a Poor People's Campaign rally.)

"The women I've met in WILPF have been smart, analytical and not afraid to question. They inspire me."

– Martha Collins, Milwaukee, WI WILPF Branch. Member since 2013.

"Our WILPF sisters accomplished over a century of ground-breaking humanitarian efforts; now their legacy will continue through your legacy."

– Mary Hanson Harrison, Past President, WILPF US Section, Des Moines IA WILPF Branch. *Member since 2006.* 

"The friends I've made in WILPF will stay with me the rest of my life."

- Randa Solick, Santa Cruz CA WILPF Branch. Member since 2004.

"Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war."

- Martin L King, Jr., former WILPF US member.

Whatever size LEGACY you leave behind could work as hard as you have for peace and justice.

### **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.





"Even small bequests add up to meaningful work. They represent critical support that keeps our organization sustainable year after year."

- Darien De Lu, President, US Section

### YOU CAN DESIGNATE A BEQUEST TO WILPF US IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST.

- Designate a percentage of what remains after all your expenses are paid and specific gifts are distributed.
- Specify a specific dollar amount you select.
- Donate stocks, bonds or other assets. An outright gift of these appreciated assets can avoid capital gains taxes to your estate, so more of your assets will support WILPF's work.

### YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY TO WILPF US WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR WILL.

- Designate WILPF US as a named beneficiary of all or part of what remains in your retirement plan, IRA, or 401K.
- Designate WILPF US as a named beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE



It's always a good idea to talk through your plans with your attorney, tax consultant, and, of course, with your family.

To get started, contact us for more details and we'll walk you through the process step-by-step.

plannedgiving@wilpfus.org

*This brochure does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice; only information to begin the bequest process.* 

### We are deeply grateful for lives that are legacies to feminist peace.

The connections we make in WILPF – across town and across America – link us with peace women who came before us, nourish us in our lives for peace, and unite us in spirit with those who will come after.



### Women's International League for Peace and Freedom US

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stands on the shoulders of the women we cherish as our foremothers, women who inspire us like Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch. In dangerous times during 1915, they traveled across perilous seas to seek peace and end war. Their achievements helped create the United Nations, where we still enjoy consultative status. As part of WILPF International, WILPF US has used a feminist lens to connect human rights and economic justice to the quest for peace. For over 100 years WILPF has nurtured men and women for peace.

### Our most significant support comes from our own members. We members contribute:

- Our own energy and time as activist volunteers.
- Our dollars through membership fees and donations.
- Our long term support through leadership and charitable bequests.

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