



The Army of Compassion

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THE SALVATION ARMY WILL WORDING GUIDE

Several key factors affect the use of donated funds which are given to The Salvation Army by will, trust or similar financial instrument. Financial counsel is encouraged to advise potential donors with the following points in mind.

Where a gift by will, trust or similar instrument originates in a community where there is a Salvation Army branch (a corps community center and/or other Salvation Army facility) the instrument should...

- Clearly name The Salvation Army as beneficiary/recipient;
- Clearly name the local community where the Army unit is located; *and*
- Specify that the gift is to be ‘used exclusively in’ that community, or ‘used only for’ or ‘only for the benefit of’ the named community and The Salvation Army program therein.

To keep faith with wishes of the donor, additional language in the financial instrument may specify whether the unrestricted gift is to be used by The Salvation Army for capital expenditures or for operating expenses.

Where there is no nearby Salvation Army unit, the financial instrument should name either the nearest Salvation Army program, or the regional administration of The Salvation Army. In this latter case, the proper name of the regional administrative office is The Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters, Western Michigan Northern Indiana Division.

Contact the Divisional Development Department’s Planned Giving office if clarification is needed.

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