



Sow Spiritual Seed for Future Generations

Remember the Henri Nouwen Society in your will

About the Henri Nouwen Society



The Henri Nouwen Society reaches right around the globe with the spiritually transforming wisdom of Henri Nouwen and is committed to introducing his spiritual vision to new generations of spiritual seekers through creative publications, programs, and partnerships.



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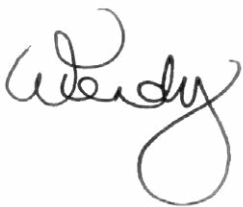
Our world is strengthened by spiritually wise people who “store up treasures in heaven.” One of the best ways to do so is to bequest a gift to charity in your Will while still making provision for your loved ones.

Gifts in Wills, of any amount, have a profound impact on the Henri Nouwen Society’s mission to encourage spiritual transformation. As the generation of people who encountered Henri when he was living ages, it is so important that we reach younger generations with his rich spiritual legacy. Henri Nouwen invites people to deepen their spiritual lives and serve the world with love and compassion. Bridging the rich tradition of contemplative spirituality with contemporary accessibility, Nouwen’s wisdom is both timeless and timely.

With the Henri Nouwen Society, you can trust that your generosity will reach right around the globe to encourage, inspire, challenge, and support people to live authentic, compassionate, and caring lives. Ensuring our world’s most vulnerable are cared for requires *Wounded Healers* who know they are Beloved. Your decision to become a “Legacy Giver” ensures the sowing of spiritual seed to create lasting change.

Thank you for reading this brochure. I would be so glad to respond to any questions you may have.

Gratefully,



Wendy VanderWal Martin
Director of Development





What will your legacy be?

By leaving a gift in your Will to the Henri Nouwen Society, you can help transform the lives of future generations.



Spiritual Nourishment

Henri Nouwen grounded all of his work and writing in a rich spiritual life of prayer and practice. We encourage spiritual transformation through free daily meditations, video series, podcasts, liturgical conversations, and ministry programs. Your legacy gift will sustain these free offerings to people right around the world.

Global Engagement

Henri Nouwen's books have been translated into more than 35 languages creating a global community. We are building ministry pathways for key language groups, starting with Spanish-speakers. In the next decade we expect to expand to language groups to serve Asian populations. Your legacy gift will ensure strategic leadership and pastoral wisdom guides these efforts.



Serving the Marginalized

Henri Nouwen connected with the broken-hearted and brought their voices and experiences into the center. We continue this work through our prison ministry, with projects like Father to the Fatherless based on Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Our care-giving resources encourage those supporting our most vulnerable. Your legacy gift will ensure Henri's vision of ministry on the margins continues to connect his teaching with real people, on the ground, in need of the good news that we are Beloved.

Building a Community of Peace

Henri Nouwen believed that community was essential for our spiritual journeys and the transformation needed to truly participate in peace-making. We continue to create innovative opportunities for connection, growth, and participation in the action of peace through our events and programs. Your legacy gift will ensure this work continues and is introduced to new generations.



How to leave a charitable bequest to the Henri Nouwen Society in your Will

After taking care of your loved ones, leaving a gift of any size to the Henri Nouwen Society in your Will is an incredible way to make a real and lasting difference for spiritual seekers around the world.

Types of charitable bequests to consider:

A Specific Bequest

allows for a particular item or property or dollar amount to be bequeathed to the Henri Nouwen Society.

A Percentage Bequest

allows for a fixed percentage to be gifted (e.g. 5 per cent of the value of the estate assets).

A Residual Bequest

allows for the residual portion of assets to be donated after all other specific wishes are taken care of.

A Contingency Bequest

allows for a gift through an estate only after a change in circumstances occur, whereby all other original named beneficiaries do not survive.

All legacy gifts will sow spiritual seeds for future generations. In return, your estate will receive an income tax receipt, which can then be used to reduce taxes payable on the estate's final tax return.

To learn about leaving a gift through other charitable giving options, contact Wendy at bequests@henrinouwen.org or **1 866 226 2158**.

Other options for legacy giving:

- Gifts of securities
- Life insurance
- Retirement assets: RRSPs and RRIFs
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Re-insured charitable gift annuities

Encouraging Spiritual Transformation through the Work of Henri Nouwen

The Henri Nouwen Society's long-term work requires a source of dedicated funds. That is why remembering us in your Will is so important. It means we have a steady supply of donations to count on. It means we can be there for future generations of spiritual seekers.

The following are draft samples of bequest language statements, as well as the Henri Nouwen Society's contact information, to be shared with your lawyer.

Specific Bequest (Unrestricted): *A gift of a specific dollar amount or property by a **United States resident** to the Henri Nouwen Society.*

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Henri Nouwen Society, a 501(c)(3) Organization (EIN: 13-4014285), _____ [Insert specific dollar amount or description of property] to be used to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Henri Nouwen Society as determined by the Henri Nouwen Society administration and governing board. The Henri Nouwen Society may be contacted in care of its USA office: P.O. Box 220522 St. Louis, MO 63122. Toll-free: 1-866-226-2158."

Percentage Bequest (Unrestricted): *A gift by a United States resident of a percent of his or her estate to the Henri Nouwen Society.*

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Henri Nouwen Society, a 501(c)(3) Organization (EIN: 13-4014285) _____ [Insert the word "ALL" or state the fraction or percentage] of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Henri Nouwen Society as determined by the Henri Nouwen Society administration and governing board. The Henri Nouwen Society may be contacted in care of its USA office: P.O. Box 220522 St. Louis, MO 63122. Toll-free: 1-866-226-2158."

Residual Bequest: *A gift by a United States resident to the Henri Nouwen Society of whatever is left of an estate after other distributions.*

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Henri Nouwen Society, a 501(c)(3) Organization (EIN: 13-4014285) _____ [Insert the word "ALL" or a percentage] of the rest of my estate, of whatever kind and wherever situated to be used to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Henri Nouwen Society as determined by the Henri Nouwen Society administration and governing board. The Henri Nouwen Society may be contacted in care of its USA office: P.O. Box 220522 St. Louis, MO 63122. Toll-free: 1-866-226-2158."

Language for a restricted bequest:

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Please contact us if you are considering a bequest for a specific (restricted) purpose. We would be glad to provide sample wording and discuss options that may be helpful.

Specific Bequest (Unrestricted): *A gift of a specific dollar amount or property by a **resident of Canada** to the Henri Nouwen Society.*

“I give, devise, and bequeath to the Henri Nouwen Society, (Canadian Charitable Registration Number 858978281 RR 0001), _____ [Insert specific dollar amount or description of property] to be used to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Henri Nouwen Society as determined by the Henri Nouwen Society administration and governing board. The Henri Nouwen Society may be contacted in care of its Canadian office located at 3377 Bayview Ave. Suite A508 Toronto, Ontario M2M 3S4. Toll-free: 1-866-226-2158.”

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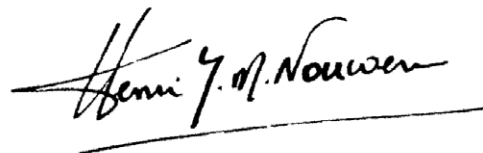
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“Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases us from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom.”



Handwritten signature of Henri G. M. Nouwen, underlined.

Our promise to you

By leaving a legacy gift to the Henri Nouwen Society, you are making a promise to help shape a better world, for spiritual seekers, for generations to come. In respecting that decision, we make the following promises to you so you can be certain of what to expect from us.



The Henri Nouwen Society places a high value on transparency and accountability to all of our donors. To ensure your confidence in the Henri Nouwen Society and our appeal for long-term funding, the following donors' rights are recognized.

We respect your privacy

We recognize that your Will and estate plans are very personal to you. Should you choose to share any information with us regarding your legacy commitment, it will be kept in the strictest confidence.

We uphold your decision

We value the importance of family, and understand that your loved ones come first. We will always agree with whatever decisions you choose, and we know that all decisions made will be made in your own time and with the potential of changes over time.

We promise good stewardship

As stewards of Henri Nouwen's priceless legacy, we are grateful for everything we receive and carefully manage the resources entrusted to us. We work annually with professional accountants to complete an audit. These statements and our annual report are accessible to every donor.

We would love to hear from you!

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