

Remember the Future

*With a Planned Gift
to MECA*



Credit: Mark Pearson

“I sleep better knowing that MECA is helping mend the broken bodies and spirits of children my country is, with the aid of my tax dollars, helping to destroy.”

— *Alice Walker, Author,
MECA Founding Advisor*



MIDDLE EAST CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Today, your commitment to the work of the **Middle East Children's Alliance** is giving thousands of children a chance to play, learn and grow up healthy and strong. **We invite you to consider one of the planned giving options featured here.** Planned or legacy gifts enable MECA to play a leading role in protecting the health, lives and rights of the children, and in supporting efforts to bring peace and justice to the region.

You do not have to be wealthy to make a legacy gift. MECA has received gifts from supporters who named MECA as a beneficiary in retirement plans or insurance policies, or simply added MECA to their wills. You can leave a gift to MECA that can provide financial and tax benefits to you and your loved ones, while ensuring that our work continues for decades ahead.



Bequests and Wills

A bequest is a simple and meaningful way to support MECA's work without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

There are different types of bequests, including:

- A specific bequest indicates the amount of cash, securities or property you wish to leave to MECA. Or it can indicate a specific percentage of the total value of your estate.
- A residuary bequest leaves the remaining portion of your estate (or a percentage of the total) after all other bequests have been satisfied.



Credit: Team Palestina

Sample language for including MECA in your will:

“I give, devise, and bequeath (amount, asset, or percentage of estate) to (Middle East Children's Alliance, 1101 8th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, federal tax ID# 94-3074600) to be used as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.” A bequest to MECA is deductible from the value of your estate for tax purposes.

Retirement Plans

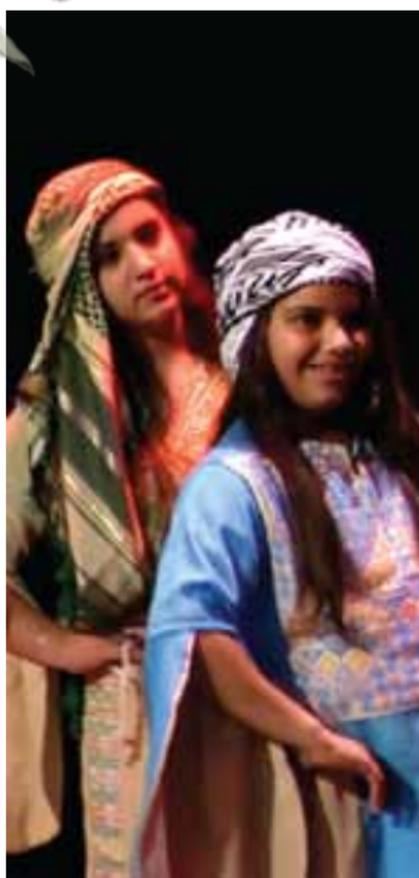
You can contribute to MECA through your **retirement plan**. Most retirement accounts, including IRAs, Keoghs, 401k and 403b plans, allow you to defer paying taxes until you withdraw income during retirement, but these accounts can be heavily taxed when left to friends and family.

You can avoid some taxes by naming MECA as a beneficiary to receive all or part of these funds.

You will retain control of the plan during your lifetime, and you can change your beneficiary at any time.

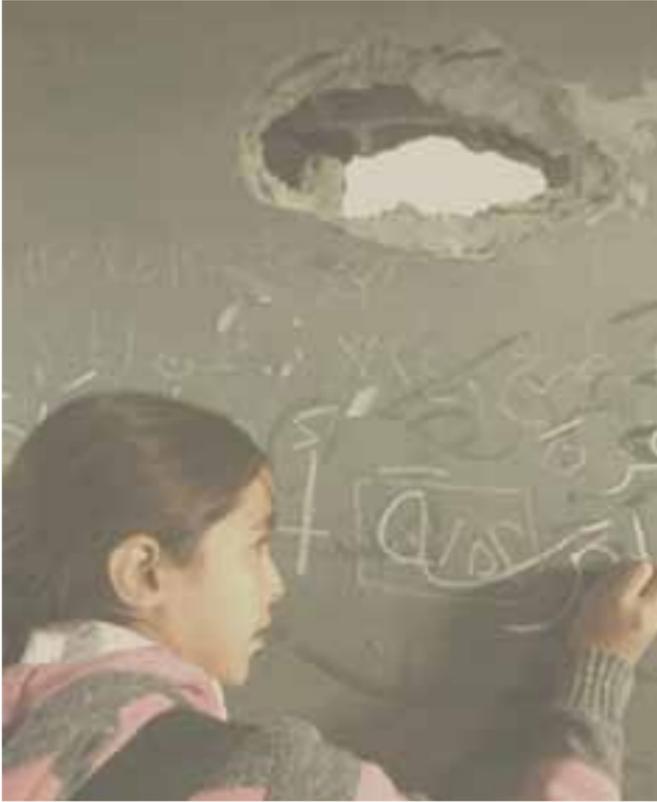


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Life Insurance Policies

You can name MECA as the primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy. This will result in a federal estate tax deduction for the full amount of the proceeds payable to MECA, regardless of policy size.





Please know that any gift you make to MECA during your lifetime or after, will make a very significant difference in the lives of thousands of children and families who are struggling every day just to survive.

For more information

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