

# YOUR FAMILY'S ULTIMATE SAFETY NET

A minister, a Boy Scout, and a computer expert were the only passengers on a small plane. The pilot came back to the cabin and explained that unfortunately they were going down and there were only three parachutes for four people. The pilot added, "I should have one of the parachutes because I have a wife and three small children." So he took one and jumped. The computer whiz said, "I should also have one of the parachutes because I am the smartest man in the world and everyone needs me." So he took one and jumped. The minister turned to the Boy Scout and with a sad smile said, "You are young and I have lived a rich life, so you take the remaining parachute, and I'll go down with the plane." The Boy Scout smiled and said, "Relax Reverend, the smartest man in the world just picked up my knapsack and jumped out!" (Illustration adapted from Ted Sutherland.)



It's likely you've been warned to "look before you leap" at some point in your life, possibly before making a big life decision like buying a house, launching a new business or investing a large sum of money. The same is true with Estate Planning or creating a Will.

The Bible often refers to the person who plans ahead as 'wise' and 'prudent.' In his book *Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication*, Charles Swindoll says, "To walk by faith does not mean that we stop thinking... Faith and careful planning go hand-in-hand. They always have." So how can your faith and planning work together? By creating a God-honoring Will.

## When you create a Will you:

- **Ensure** that your family and loved ones will be taken care of.
- **Remove** the doubts and difficulties that can arise when there is no evidence of the deceased person's wishes.
- **Reduce** probate costs and avoid certain taxes. Without a Will in place, the court will intervene and the value of your Estate could be negatively impacted.
- **Create** a lasting legacy that communicates what matters most to you. By remembering to include the ministries you love and trust, like Rockford Rescue Mission in your Will, you support the good work to continue and help to change lives.

By prudently planning for the future, you can be sure that your loved ones have everything they'll need for a "safe landing" long after you're gone – and bless the ministries you love as well.

## PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- I'd like to learn more about creating a Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.
- I have already included Rockford Rescue Mission in my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reply with envelope or contact Chuck Noble at (815) 965-5332 ext. 134 or [chucknoble@rockfordrescuemission.org](mailto:chucknoble@rockfordrescuemission.org)  
Go to [www.christianwill.org/rrm](http://www.christianwill.org/rrm) to bless your family with a God-honoring Will.