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It's Time to Make a Will for Your Estate!



(August 1, 2022 – Contra Costa County) August is National Make-A-Will Month. For many of us, making a will is something we keep putting off, but having one is incredibly important.

Making a will allows you to ensure that your wishes are met so that your assets, your beloved possessions, and even your pets are taken care of after your passing. A will can prevent family conflict during a very difficult time, it eliminates confusion, and it ensures that what you want to do for those you most care about takes place.

If you have a will, experts suggest reviewing and revising it every 3-5 years, as your situation and relationships may have changed. When revising or making a will, make sure you've named beneficiaries of your <u>non-probate assets</u>, like your life insurance policies or retirement accounts. There are online templates to help you make your own will or contact your lawyer or financial adviser.

You may also want to consider naming a charity as a beneficiary of these assets as another great way to leave a lasting impact. If you'd like to make a gift that provides a lasting legacy to Meals on Wheels Diablo Region and allows us to continue delivering meals and supportive services into the future, please visit our <u>website</u> or call Shanti Peterson at 925.937.8315.



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