

## WHAT IS **Estate Planning?**

Estate planning is often shrouded by misconceptions. Many believe it is only for the wealthy or retired, but the truth is that estate planning is for every adult, regardless of income, stage of life or marital status.

Create an Estate Plan

Support Your Family and Ministry According to Your Will or Trust at Your Passing

An estate plan is a set of essential legal documents that settles critical end-of-life issues including children's guardianship, health care decisions and charitable giving. Specifically, an estate plan allows you to:

- Pass on your possessions according to your wishes
- Leave instructions for your care if you become incapacitated
- Choose a guardian for children under age 18
- Leave a legacy by supporting charitable causes you care about
- Minimize court costs, attorney fees and other legal expenses

Another common myth is that estate planning is complicated and expensive. While this can be true, WatersEdge estate planning professionals and online guide simplify the process. What's more, Foundation estate plans are either free or very affordable because we will reimburse up to \$500 of your attorney fees if your estate plan includes a gift to ministry.\*

<sup>\*</sup>To qualify for legal fee reimbursement, a will or trust must contain a charitable gift of at least 10 percent of the estate or a minimum of \$50,000 to an approved ministry partner of your choice. See a list of Foundation ministry partners at bfok.org/MinistryPartners.

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## IN FIVE EASY STEPS



Begin by completing the estate planning workbook.
WatersEdge staff are available to meet in person if you need help.



Next, your attorney will draft an estate plan based on the choices you made.



Then, review and sign your estate planning documents.



Pay your attorney.



Receive reimbursement for a portion of your legal fees upon confirmation of your charitable gifts.\*

## **GET STARTED AT:**

WatersEdgeServices.org/estateplan