

# Beneficiary Designation newsletter

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## Make your wishes clear

When was the last time you checked the beneficiary information in your retirement account? Life changes, and so do your wants and needs. Naming your beneficiaries and putting essential documents in place puts you in control and can make a difference for the people and causes you care about.

## Don't assume you're covered because you've spelled out your wishes in a will

Retirement plan assets will be transferred according to the terms of your plan's beneficiary designation, not by the terms of your will. If there's no named beneficiary, fulfilling your wishes may face significant delays and costs.

## It's quick and easy to do

Confirming or updating your beneficiaries is simple. You can always change your mind if your needs change.

- Go to **TIAA.org** to register and/or log in to your account.
- Once logged in, in the upper right hand corner, click on the *Profile*, then click on *Manage beneficiaries*.

From there, you can designate beneficiaries and select how much each should receive.

**Please know**, you can change your beneficiaries at any time.

## Have questions?

Call TIAA's National Contact Center all **800-842-2252**. If you make a change online, you'll receive a confirmation.

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