

# **INSTRUCTIONS TO GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILDREN**

## **OUR INTENT FOR THIS DOCUMENT**

This Memorandum provides guidance to the guardian of our minor children and our Trustee with respect to those decisions that we consider to be most important when it comes to raising our children, including decisions about finances, education, religion and discipline, child rearing practices, financial decisions, and our wishes regarding our children's care. This memorandum is to be considered binding to the extent possible. However, we recognize that there may be circumstances that we cannot anticipate, so we request that all parties concerned act in accordance with our intent as set forth in this memorandum. We appoint the guardian of our minor children to carry out our wishes and desires as expressed herein. We direct our trustee to support our guardian to the greatest extent possible in honoring these instructions.

## **IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

While we have named a single person or couple to act as guardians of our children, we very much would like the following people to be consulted regarding the matter in which our children are raised:

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The following friends and family members are extremely important to us and every effort should be made for these people to maintain a relationship with our children:

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CHILDREN**

Child's Name #1:

Child's Date of Birth:

Child's Place of Birth:

Child's Name #2:

Child's Date of Birth:

Child's Place of Birth:

Our Children's Primary Physician(s) (or the location of our children's medical records):

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Our Children have the following medical conditions and require the following treatments:

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Our Children attend the following schools and extracurricular programs:

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## EDUCATION

We strongly prefer that our children attend:

- public school
  - o the local public school
  - o the following public school: \_\_\_\_\_
- private school
  - o name of school: \_\_\_\_\_
  - or, if not available, we would like our children to attend a similar school
- homeschool, if feasible

In selecting and monitoring our children's educational experience, it is important to us that the guardian be closely involved in our children's education by:

- attending all conferences

- attending most family activities
- volunteering at our child's school
- discussing all report cards carefully
- rewarding educational success
- helping our child to identify his/her interests and to pursue them inside or outside of a classroom
- rounding out our child's education by providing opportunities outside of the classroom to enjoy

**FINANCIAL**

We consider the following priorities the most important when it comes to the use of the financial resources we have left for our children:

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We would like our children to receive an allowance at the following ages and in the following amounts:

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We would like our Trustee to keep in mind our feelings as follows about providing transportation for our children when they are old enough to drive a vehicle:

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We would like our guardian to teach our children the value of money in the following ways:

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The following is a list of items we would expect our children to ask us for money for and which we would help them with, if asked:

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**COMMUNITY**

We are involved in the following organizations and activities:

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We would like our children to be introduced to the following organizations and activities that support the community:

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We have the following charitable inclinations and would like these to be further developed in our children:

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## VALUES

The personal values that are most important to us and that we would like our children to have a strong understanding of are as follows:

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## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Our children have been raised in the following religion or tradition:

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It is important to us that our children:

- continue to receive education in the religion above
- be free to learn and follow their own conscience with regard to religion and spirituality
- observe the following holidays:

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- participate in the following religious community:

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## DISCIPLINE

It is important to us that our children be disciplined in a manner consistent with our values and child-rearing practices.

The following methods of discipline are those we use most frequently because we believe they are appropriate and effective:

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**PARENTING RESOURCES**

The following resources (books, organizations, etc) have been helpful to us as we have developed our parenting philosophy. We encourage our children's guardian to consider these resources for himself or herself:

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**MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS**

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