

Nationally, 50-55% of people of all ages, education levels and wealth die without a will, often leaving a tragic legacy of family conflict, loved ones with special needs uncared for, unnecessary court and legal costs, and assets leaving the community where they were earned. The Putnam County Community Foundation aims to change this in Putnam County.

Many Americans avoid creating this essential document because they can't afford the time or legal expense. In addition, people are uncomfortable thinking about their own deaths and the deaths of those they love. "It is our responsibility and our right to control how our hard earned assets will be used after we are no longer able to make decisions for ourselves," said Elaine Peck, Executive Director of the Putnam County Community Foundation.

To kick off this initiative, the Community Foundation will host the Greater Greencastle Chamber of Commerce's Toast and Tips on October 23, at 7:30 AM at the Walden Inn. Pamela Davidson, nationally acclaimed estate planning attorney, will provide important information about estate planning and about establishing a will, living will and power of attorney.

This event is free and open to the community and breakfast will be served, but space is limited and advance registration is required. Attendees will receive the opportunity to become Chamber members at the event and may have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Davidson individually after her presentation. Contact the Chamber office at 765.653.4517 to register.