

REQUEST OR GIVE A **donation** **in lieu** **of gifts**

Making a gift to a Not-for-Profit organisation like Common Good, is an amazing alternative to traditional gifts. Whether you give a gift in someone's honour on their birthday, you & your fiancée request donations in place of wedding gifts or you offer a donation to a bereaved family in lieu of flowers, these contributions for the greater good matter more than you may think. Email us on info@commongood.org.za to allow us to set up a webpage for your special event or discuss your giving options.

How do you ask for donations in lieu of gifts?

It's important to find the right words to share the news of your gift or you're your decision to ACCEPT DONATIONS IN LIEU OF GIFTS at your special occasion. This makes it possible to share the insight behind your choice, and it's something your recipient can hold on to for years to come.

Here are some suggested wording ideas:

Birthday: 'Instead of gifts this birthday, I am requesting donations made out to Common Good.'

Wedding: 'With all that we have, we've been truly blessed. Your presence and prayers are all that we request. But if you desire to give nonetheless, a monetary gift towards the work of Common Good, is one we suggest.'

Wedding: 'As a memorial to our loved one(s) who could not share in our special day, we ask that a donation in honor of (name of loved one) be made to Common Good in lieu of gifts.'

Funeral: 'As a memorial to our loved one, we ask that a donation in honour of (deceased's name) be made to Common Good in lieu of flowers.'

Christmas: 'This year, if you plan on gifting our family anything, we'd appreciate a donation made out to Common Good. This organisation is close to our hearts, and it would mean a lot to us if you donated to them instead of gifting us anything.'

How do explain your gift of a donation in a person's honour?

To give back to someone who has always been there for you, honour them with a charitable donation. This is the perfect way to show you care, especially if you choose a cause close to their heart. If YOU ARE MAKING A GIFT DONATION IN SOMEONE'S HONOUR towards our work in Early Life, Education and Employment in, there are a few tips to keep in mind, so the recipient understands your decision to give them this gift.

Write a card that highlights why you selected to donate towards Common Good for them. Here are some wording options for your convenience:

Birthday: 'I've made a donation in your name to Common Good to celebrate your birthday. I know how much you care about the work that they do and wanted to support your passion.'

Wedding: 'In lieu of traditional favours, we are making a donation to Common Good in honour of (Name of loved one).'

Funeral: 'I know how important giving back is to (insert deceased's name), so I've made a donation to Common Good in their name to honour their generous nature.'

Christmas: 'In the spirit of the holiday season, I've made a donation to Common Good in your name.'