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“Family Philanthropy and
Estate Transitions

A hidden Connection To Success?”



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Available For Philanthropy*

Transitioning In The Next 50 Years....

- 88 Million Estates
- \$5-\$10 Trillion "Charity-Philanthropy" designated funds
- As much as \$40 Trillion Directly to Heirs ?

60% of Charity \$ From 1% of Transitions

* Boston College Social Welfare Institute, April 2001, Schervish et al, period 1998-2052



The Good News The Bad News

GOOD News

**\$500 Billion to
\$1 Trillion Transferred
EACH Year For
The Next 50 Years**

BAD News

**Only 30% of
Wealth Transfers
Will Succeed ***

** i.e., **HEIRS** retain control of
the assets in a unified family*



And, When Estates Fail...

- Philanthropy Shuts Down
- Other Families Become More Conservative
- Advisors Shift Focus to Tax Benefits
(of Philanthropy), Instead of the Public
Benefits



VALUE (ASSETS) Usually Transitions Successfully

**Lawyers, Accountants, Financial Advisors
Do Their “Transition Task” Well.**

But ASSETS Do Not STAY Transitioned:

- Heirs Often Go in **Separate Directions**
- Become More **Overtly Competitive**
- Grapple With “**Life Forces**”
 - Marriage, Divorce, Birth, Death, Illness, Investments
- 90+% of Heirs Promptly Change Advisors



Transitioning **VALUE** Without Transitioning **VALUES** Is A Recipe For Failure

Lawyers, Accountants, Financial Advisors
Are Not Skilled in This Domain

But They CAN Become More Competent By...

- **Asking** Whether the Heirs Are “Ready”
- **Seeking** Opportunities for Evaluation
- **Developing** Other Professionals Rolodexes
- **Using** Philanthropy More Fully



Estates Experience A Physical Transition

**100%
WILL
TRANSITION**

**ONLY 30%
WILL SURVIVE
TRANSITION**

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TWG's Research Priorities

What's Behind the **70% Estate Failure Rate**
(Post-Transition)?

What Role Can **Philanthropy** Play in Success or
Failure (Post-Transition)?

What **Can This Mean** For Philanthropic Advisors?



We Looked At 3,250 Transitions

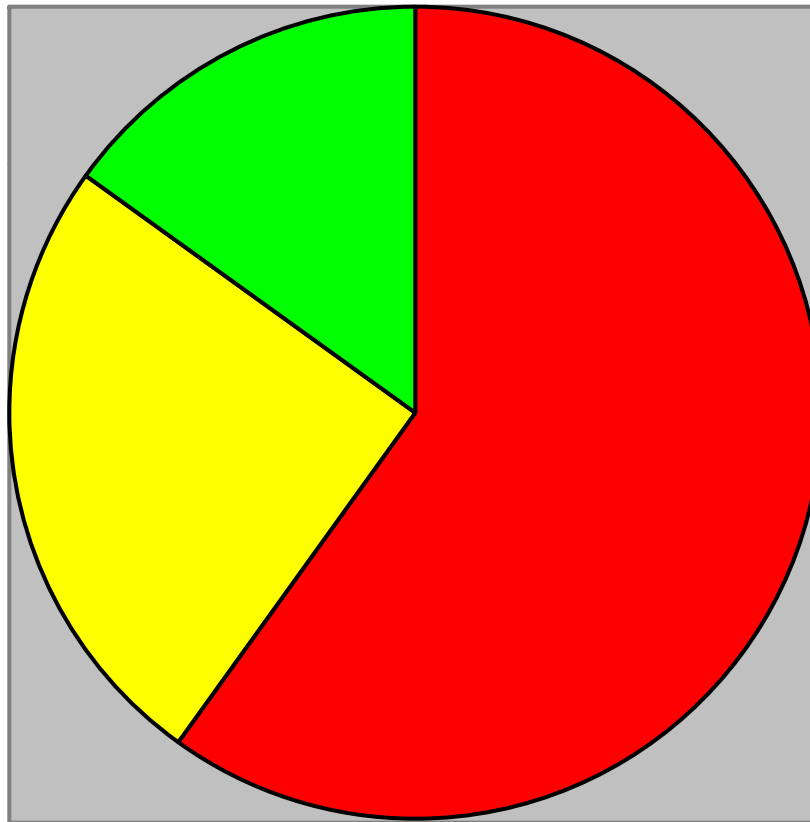


**3 Major
Differences...**

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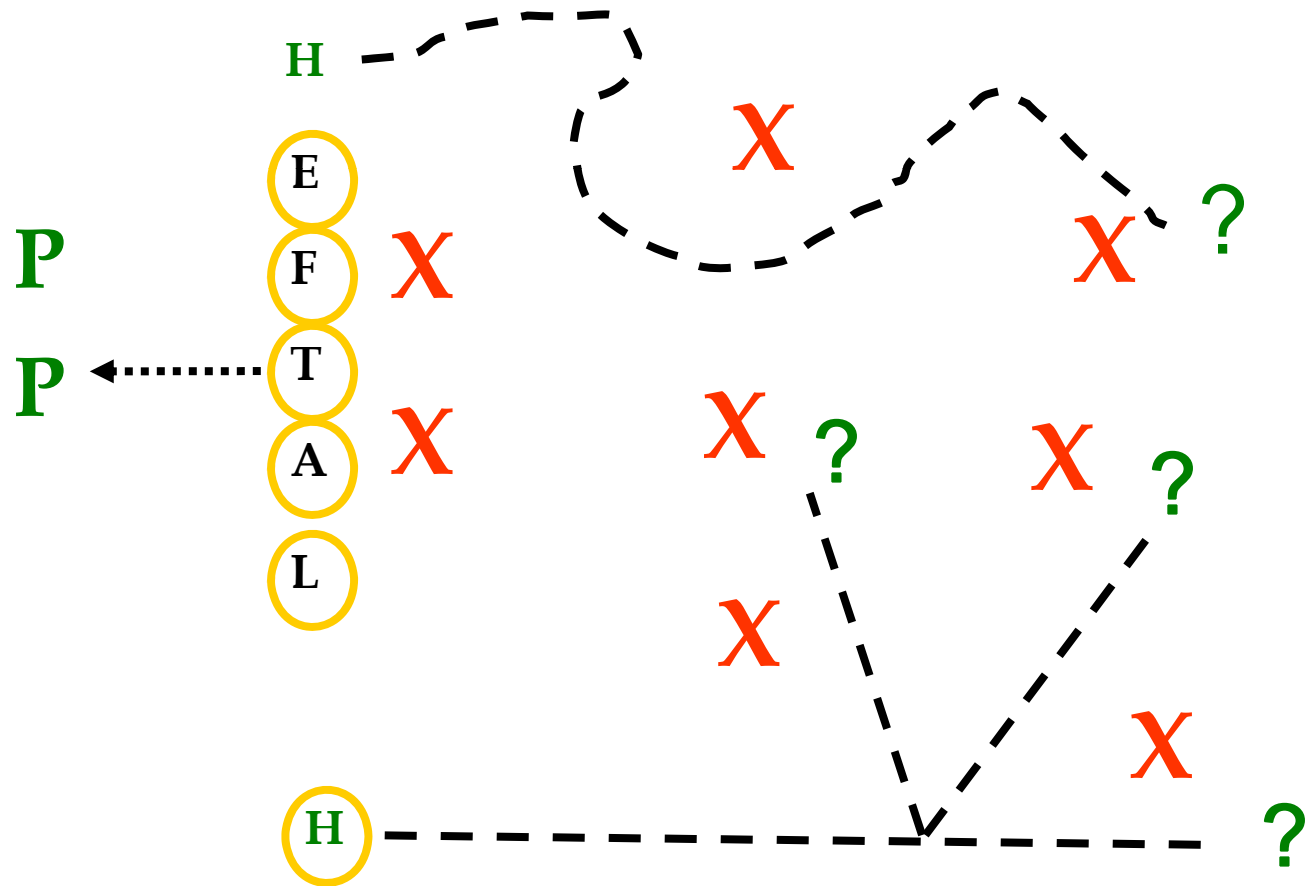
3 Major Differences



- **60% = Breakdown of Communication and Trust Within Family**
- **25% = Heirs Unprepared for Required Roles & Accountability**
- **15% = All Other Causes**



Without A “Prepared Receiver”





Today's First Discovery

“Until You Have Prepared Your Heirs, Estate Transition Planning is Only Half Done*”

Can Philanthropy Help Prepare Heirs ?

* Based on direct interviews with approx 3,000+ families and 100 family foundations



Opportunity #1 For Philanthropic Advisors

Understand and Communicate
the Role That Philanthropy can
Play with Heirs, In Preparing For
Post-Transition Success



Philanthropy Does Prepare Heirs

With Respect to:

- **ACCOUNTABILITY**
- **MISSION**
- **VALUES**





Philanthropy Develops:

ACCOUNTABILITY

What Do I Accept Responsibility For? What Is Reasonable To Expect Of Others? How Do I Follow Up?

MISSION

What is the Mission of Our Family Wealth That Those of My Generation (and my Parents & Spouse) Have Agreed Upon?

VALUES

What is Important To Me, and My Family, and How Do My Values (not money) Determine Who I am and My Self-Esteem?



What A Child Can Learn

- **Varies With Age**
- **Varies With Maturity**
- **Varies With Opportunity**



Opportunity #2 For Philanthropic Advisors

Philanthropy Can Play a Major
Role in Developing
Accountability in Heirs, and
Helps to teach Heirs Attributes
That Are Important to Parents



Opportunity #3 For Philanthropic Advisors

Communicate To Parents The
Role That Philanthropy Plays in
Helping Evolve a Coherent
Mission for The Family Wealth*

* "Wealth" Includes family assets, name, time, reputation, etc.



Opportunity #4 For Philanthropic Advisors

Philanthropy Plays a Major
Role in Defining **Values** Held
By Heirs, Filling In a Gap Not
Currently Addressed By Estate
Planners



What We Discovered About Heirs Involved In Philanthropy

- Confident About Regaining Lost Wealth
- Involved Youth = Involved Adult
- Eventual Spousal Involvement
- Values Are Quickly Assimilated
- *“Money Does Not Define Me”*



Parents Are Seeking Help In Preparing Their Heirs

- Not Concerned about How **Much** More Money Can Be Passed On To Their Heirs
- More Concerned About The **Impact** Of Money On Their Heirs
- And, The **Values** Held By Their Heirs
- And The Success/Unity of their Heirs

...Surveys Confirm..



Primary Parental Concerns

- 60% “Too Much Emphasis on Material Things”
- 55% “Naïve About The Value of Money”
- 52% “Spend Beyond Their Means”
- 50% “Initiative Ruined by Affluence”
- 49% “Won’t Do As Well Financially...”
- 42% “Hard Time Taking Financial Responsibility”

...**Values**, Not Just Value



Historically **INCORRECT** Parental Assumptions

- *“Our Family Psychologist Can Handle...”*
- *“My Diagnoses = Their Remedy”*
- *“Communication is a Problem Of Kids Listening More, Not Me Talking Less”*
- *“When I Die, The Problem Is Theirs”*
- *“I Can Teach My Kids To Drive”*



Three Steps To Clarity

AWARENESS of the risks

ASSESSMENT of the problem

ACTION on the problem



PRE-TRANSITION POST-TRANSITION



PRE-TRANSITION

TAX PLANNING

PRESERVATION

GOVERNANCE

POST-TRANSITION

TRUST &

COMMUNICATION

MISSION

STRATEGY

ROLES



New Tools Are Available For Affluent Families

To **Assess The Gap** Between
Assets Transferred

(The “Front End”)...

And The Heirs Readiness to Receive
(The “Back End”)



Ready For Estate Transition?

- Mom & Dad Can Evaluate
- The 10Q Transition Quiz
- Not Evaluative, Comparative

*KEY: You Can Compare Your Family
to 3,250 Families*



Ten Comparative Questions...

- Understand Each Question
- Credible Data (90% accuracy)
- Privacy of Usage
- Privacy of Scoring
- Non-Evaluative



Be Able to Answer the Question:

“What are My Next Steps?”



The First Three Questions

1.	Our Family has a Mission Statement that spells out the overall purpose of our wealth	Set Strategic Direction
2.	The entire family participates in most important decisions, such as defining a mission for our wealth .	Involve Everyone
3.	All family heirs have the option of participating in the management of the family's assets	Set Observable & Measurable Standards

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If Families Have **NOT** Prepared Their Heirs

- Their Planning Is **Incomplete**
- They Are In The **70% Group**
(Heirs Not Likely To Make It)
- **3,250 Families Recommend:**
 - **Complete** Your Planning
 - Involve Your **Entire** Family
 - Do It **Sooner**, Rather Than Later
 - **Philanthropy** is a Great Place to Begin!



Finally, A Family-Wide Readiness Assessment Survey

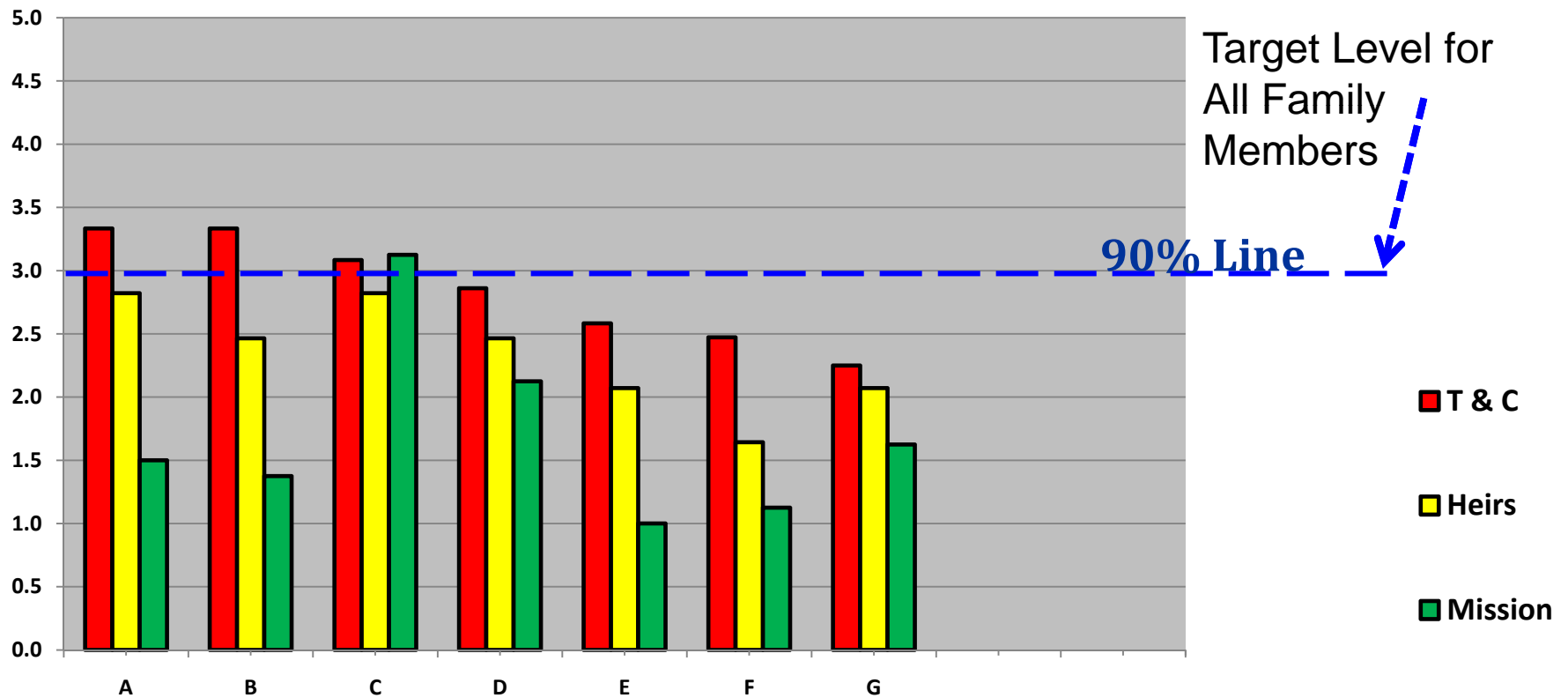
- A **50Q** Transition Quiz
- Involving The **Entire Family**
- **Anonymous & Private**

KEY: Identifying Problem Areas Within The Family

*“Does the **family** share **Dad’s** assessment ?”*

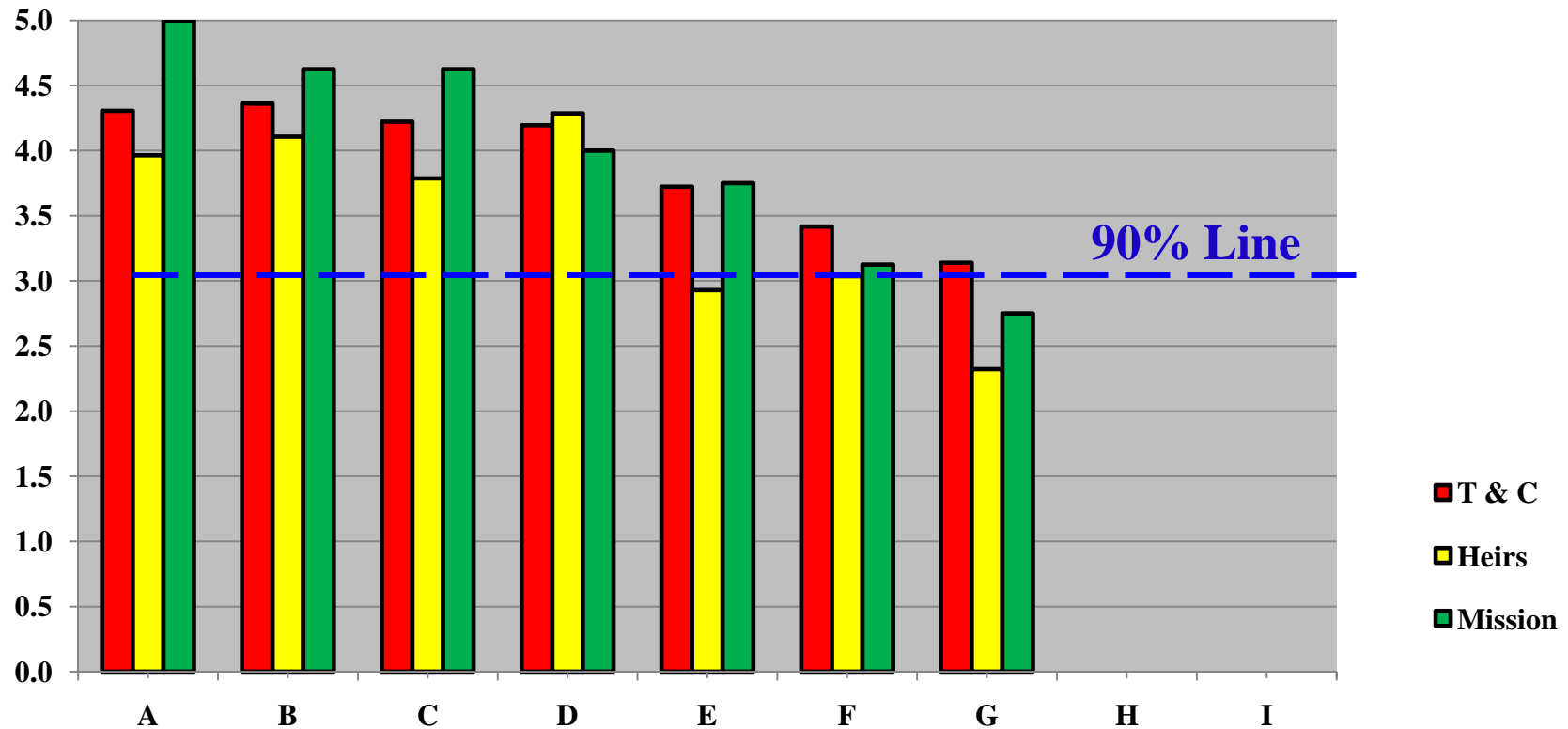


Remember Family "C" – (Pre-Coaching)??





Family "C" After Family Coaching





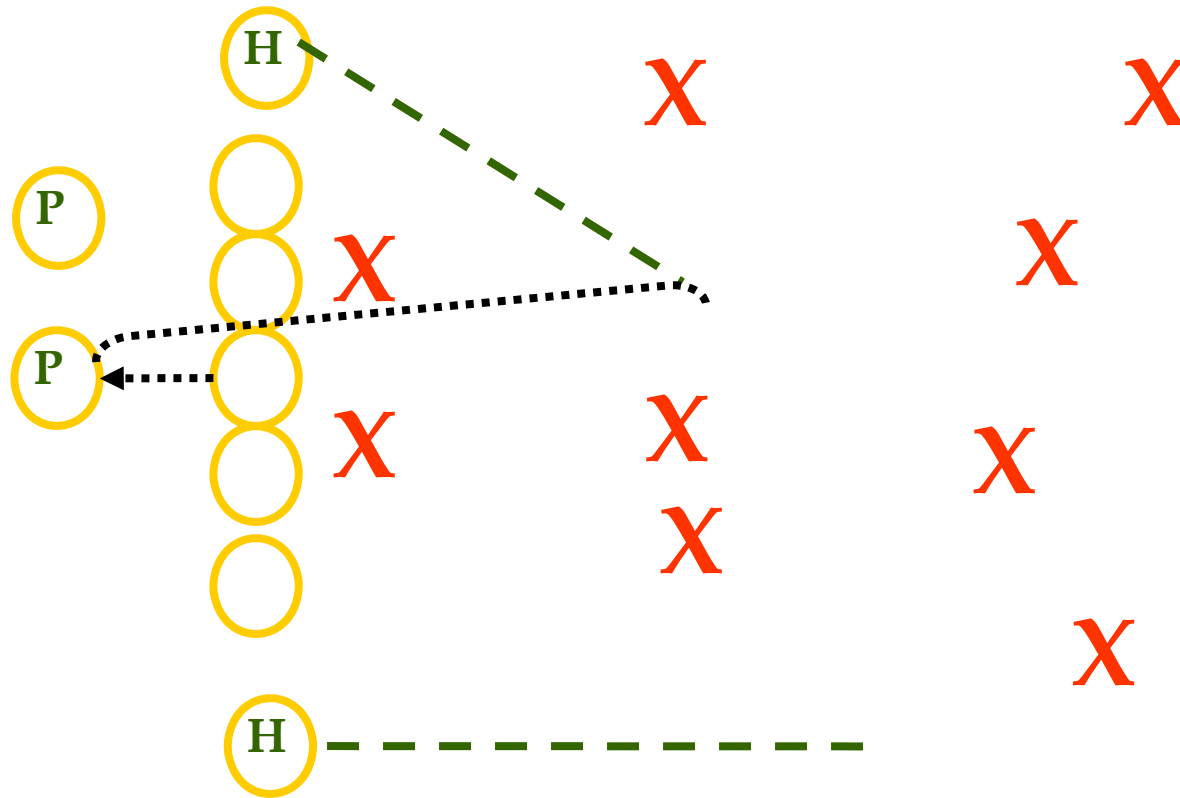
Opportunity #5 For Philanthropic Advisors

**Alert the Family to New Tools That
Evaluate the Family's Overall Readiness for
a Successful Transition...**

**Because a Failed Transition =
A Failed Philanthropy**



Recall The Football Analogy?



Preparation of The Receiver(s) Is Vital.



The 3 Major Findings:

- Philanthropy Is an **Important Tool**
 - For **Learning**
 - For Instilling **Values**
 - For Developing **Self-Esteem**
- Philanthropy Is **Underutilized**
 - As A Teaching Tool
 - Its Impact On Heirs is Not Appreciated
- Guidance for Families Is **Diffuse**
 - They Are not Sure **WHAT. WHEN. Or HOW** to Do....
 - Delight In Discovering an Internal “Benefit” to Heirs



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**We Manage NO Assets, Offer
NO Legal or Tax Services...**

**...But We CAN Prepare Those
Who Inherit Those
Responsibilities !**

Thank you!



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