

Sample Bequest Language

Specific bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to LEGAL NAME OF CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY for its general charitable purposes."

OR

"I give, devise, and bequeath to LEGAL NAME OF CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

Residuary bequest language:

"I give (a portion of OR the entire rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal), to LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, for its general charitable purposes."

OR

"I give (a portion of OR the entire rest, residue, and remainder) of my estate, both real and personal, to LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, for the benefit of LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

Contingent bequest language:

"I devise and bequeath the residue of the property, real and personal and wherever situated, owned by me at my death, to (name of beneficiary), if (she/he) survives me. If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I devise and bequeath the residue of my estate to LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, for its general charitable purposes."

OR

"I devise and bequeath the residue of the property, real and personal and wherever situated, owned by me at my death, to (name of beneficiary), if (she/he) survives me. If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I devise and bequeath the residue of my estate to LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY/REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER, for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of LEGAL NAME OF REGISTERED CHARITY it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

We encourage you to talk to your professional advisor and your charity of choice. They will be able to help you decide which option(s) will work best for you and your family and will be able to provide you specific language to use.