Are you looking to leave a charitable bequest?

Thank you for considering a bequest to a charitable organization! Here are some suggestions for how to proceed:

1. Make your estate plan at no cost, through FreeWill. It takes about 20 minutes to create a legally valid will. You'll be prompted during the process to enter the details of your bequest.

2. If you'd prefer to work with a lawyer, here is some suggested language that will ensure your gift is carried out as you intended. If there is a specific program or purpose you'd like your bequest to support, we encourage you to speak with the organization's development staff to determine what would be most impactful for the organization.

Most bequestors choose to either leave a fixed dollar amount, or a percentage of their residual estate.

Sample language

Before using this sample, confirm the organization's full legal name and EIN directly with the organization and complete all applicable bracketed fields. Do not sign a document with uncompleted placeholders.

Bequest with a specific designation.

[Number]%/[$Amount] shall be distributed to [FULL LEGAL NAME OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION], a nonprofit organization, EIN [EIN], or its lawful successor, to be used in support of [Program/Purpose]; provided, however, that if the preceding instruction should become impossible or impractical to fulfill as determined by the Board of Directors (or equivalent governing body) of the beneficiary, the beneficiary may use this gift as determined by its Board of Directors (or equivalent governing body).

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