



## Sample Bequest Language

A bequest—a gift in your will—is simple and convenient. You can create a legacy through a bequest. Your bequest can be a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. You can designate your bequest for general use, or you can restrict its use.

### Examples of various types of bequests

- Specific bequests are used to make a gift of a specific dollar amount or specific asset (such as securities or personal property).
- Residuary bequests are used to give all or a portion of the remainder of your estate after payment of expenses and any specific amounts designated to other beneficiaries.

### Including Family Services Foundation in Your will.

The following includes several examples of suggested bequest wording to benefit Family Services. Each individual situation is unique; therefore, these examples include only some of the possible gift opportunities. We encourage you to discuss your intentions with us at Family Services to ensure that your wishes will be properly followed and recognized. Because a will is an important legal document, you should seek an attorney's help. To assist you with this important process, we offer suggested wording below.

#### Percentage of estate for unrestricted purposes

"I give to Family Services Foundation, a nonprofit organization located at 1200 South Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, \_\_\_\_\_ percent (%) of my estate for its general charitable purposes."

#### Specific amount for unrestricted purposes

"I give to Family Services Foundation, a nonprofit organization located at 1200 South Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash (or \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ stock) to be used for its general charitable purposes."

#### Specific amount for specific purposes

"I give to Family Services Foundation, a nonprofit organization located at 1200 South Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash or in-kind (or \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ stock) to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ at Family Services. If changed circumstances should at some future time make it impractical to continue administering the gift for the purpose designated, then the Foundation board of directors may redesignate the purpose, provided the terms adhere as closely as possible to my original intent."

#### Designating the purpose of a bequest

**Unrestricted:** The most useful type of bequest is unrestricted, allowing the funds to be allocated wherever the need is greatest, and taking into account that changes may necessitate a use that cannot be anticipated at the time of the gift.

**Restricted:** You may designate your bequest to support a special program or purpose that reflects your interests. If the bequest is restricted to a specific purpose, it is important that the following wording be added at the end of the provision. This will ensure that, in the remote possibility a specified purpose may cease to need funds in the future, an alternate use for the bequest may be determined.

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