Sample Bequest Language

We are most grateful for your consideration of a planned gift to Children’s Home + Aid which will benefit the children and families we serve into perpetuity. Sample language in offered below that may be adapted for your estate documents or used in the creation of new documents such as a codicil to your will. Please consult with your estate planning attorney or other professional to formalize the language best suited to articulate your gift intention.

**General Bequest**: This type of bequest gives a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of the donor's estate to named charity without restrictions:

“I give to CHILDREN’S HOME + AID, an Illinois not for profit corporation, currently located at 125 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois the sum of $100,000, or 10,000 shares of ABC common stock, or 50% of the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes and without restrictions.”

**Specific Bequest**: This type of bequest specifies a particular purpose that the donor would like to see the gift applied:

“I give to CHILDREN’S HOME + AID, an Illinois not for profit corporation, currently located at 125 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois the sum of $100,000, or 10,000 shares of ABC common stock, or 50% of the residue of my estate to be used for its (stated purpose). Should such purpose become impossible or impractical to carry out, then for such other purpose as said charitable organization's directors shall determine that most closely meets my intended purpose.”

**Residuary Bequest**: This type of bequest gives the beneficiary a share of the remainder of the donor’s estate after all other distributions have been made:

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, I give to CHILDREN’S HOME + AID, an Illinois not for profit corporation, currently located at 125 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois for…..”

**Contingent Bequest**: This type of bequest provides an alternative distribution should a named beneficiary not survive the donor or a particular condition of a bequest not be met:

“In the event, my sister Susie does not survive me, then I give her share of my estate to CHILDREN’S HOME + AID, an Illinois not for profit corporation, currently located at 125 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois for…..”

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