

The following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest that meets your needs.

General Gifts in a Will

General gifts in a will are the most valuable, as they allow KC Shepherd's Center to apply your gift wherever the need is the greatest. Examples of general bequests include:

SPECIFIC GENERAL BEQUEST

"I give to KC Shepherd's Center, a Missouri nonprofit corporation located in Kansas City, MO, or its successor organization, the sum of \$ _____ (or % of my estate), (or other personal property herein described) to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction."

RESIDUARY GENERAL BEQUEST

"I give to KC Shepherd's Center, a Missouri nonprofit corporation located in Kansas City, MO, or its successor organization, (all or a % of) the residue of the property owned by me at death, real and personal and wherever situated to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction."

"GREATER OF" RESIDUARY GENERAL BEQUEST

"I give to KC Shepherd's Center, a Missouri nonprofit corporation located in Kansas City, MO, or its successor organization, the greater of _____ % of my estate or \$ _____ to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction."

Contingent Gifts in a Will

It is possible that the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries of your estate may not be there in the future. In such case, a contingent bequest naming KC Shepherd's Center as a contingent beneficiary can provide a meaningful alternative.

"I give the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal and wherever situate, to _____, if he/she survives me. If he/she does not survive me, I give to KC Shepherd's Center, a Missouri nonprofit located in

Kansas City, MO, or its successor organization, the residue of the property owned by me at death, real and personal and wherever situated to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction.”

Bequest Restricted for a Specific Use

Some donors desire their gift to support a specific project, program, or area of research. Restricted bequests are welcome, although it is important they provide for some flexibility to adapt to changing needs and programs.

“I give to KC Shepherd’s Center, a Missouri nonprofit located in Kansas City, MO, or its successor organization, the sum of \$_____ (or % of my estate), (or other personal property herein described) to be used for (designated purpose). If at any time it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above designated purpose, KC Shepherd’s Center shall use my gift for a purpose and in a manner that it determines most closely meets the above designated purpose.”*

*If you are interested in supporting a specific project or program, it is best to discuss your plans with our Development Team before completing your bequest language to confirm your wishes can be met by KC Shepherd’s Center.

Please note: The policies of KC Shepherd’s Center do not allow staff members to serve as personal representative, executor, trustee or witness for a will or trust.