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Sample Bequest Language

If you are interested in providing for **ABC Organization** in your will, the following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest to meet your needs.

General Bequest

If your intention is to leave a gift of cash, securities or other property by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to **ABC Organization** to be used for needs:

"After taking care of all expenses, debts, and other provisions, I give, devise, and bequeath ___ % of the rest and residue (or \$ ___ if a specific amount) to **ABC Organization**, a Washington-based charitable organization." Tax ID #11-111111. Current administrative offices: **Full address of Organization**.

Specific Bequest

If your intention is to make an outright bequest for a specific purpose or program:

"I, (Name), of (City, State, Zip) give, devise and bequeath to **ABC Organization** ___% or \$ ___ or other _____ for its charitable purposes, including but not limited _____ use and purpose."

Contingency Bequest

If you wish to make a contingency gift so that ABC Organization will receive a portion of your estate if your named beneficiary does not survive you:

"If any of the beneficiaries named in this will should die before becoming entitled to receive their distributive share of my estate, I direct my trustee to pay or transfer the share the beneficiary would otherwise be entitled to **ABC Organization** for its unrestricted use and purpose."

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Amend your Will with A Codicil

If at any point in time, and for any reason, you wish to make changes to include **ABC Organization** in your will, you can easily amend it by using a codicil - a document your attorney can prepare to amend your will or trust without rewriting the entire document.

"I give, devise, and bequeath \$ _____ to ABC Organization, located at (Full address of Organization), for its charitable uses and purposes.

In all other respects I ratify and confirm all of the provisions of my said last Will and Testament dated on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign, publish and declare this instrument to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament in the presence of both persons witnessing said Codicil at my request this _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

To be valid, the Codicil must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who are present at the same time, and the original placed with your other valuable paperwork. A copy can go to your lawyer and a copy to **ABC Organization**.

Thank you for your generous gift to ABC Organization!