

Sample Bequest Language

To make it easy for you, we have provided the following wording for your **will**. You can print it to send to your lawyer, or keep it for the right moment.

1. A general bequest designates a certain dollar amount of property, usually cash, to the charity you select.

Example: "I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., the sum of \$10,000.00."

2. A specific bequest directs that the Foundation is to receive a specific piece of property:

Example: "I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., 500 shares of XYZ stock."

3. A residual bequest designates for the Foundation all, or a portion, of whatever remains after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid.

Example: "I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., fifty percent (50 percent) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

4. A contingent bequest takes effect only under certain conditions:

Example: "In the event my wife does not survive me, I give to the QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Halifax, N.S., the sum of...."

When preparing a **will** you should consult a lawyer to ensure your wishes are legally binding. Charles O'Neil, Lori Scott or Katharine Berrington, our charitable giving advisors, are available to assist you and your financial or legal advisor.

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