

Bequest Sample Language

The following sample bequest language is intended to assist you and your attorney in drafting a bequest that accomplishes your charitable goals and satisfies your interests. As you consult with your attorney on appropriate wording, it is important that you correctly designate your bequest either to Bread for the World or Bread for the World Institute. It is notable that contributions to Bread for the World are not tax-deductible whereas contributions to Bread for the World Institute are tax-deductible. Please consult with your attorney as to which designation should be made.

In consultation with you attorney, please ensure you use either of our organization's legal names as it appears in all final documents as:

1. Bread for the World, P.O. Box 96416, Washington, DC 20090, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number: 13-2803276
2. Bread for the World Institute, P.O. Box 96416, Washington, DC 20090, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number: 51-0175510

General Bequest language may be stated as follows:

"I, [Name], of [city, state, zip] hereby give, devise and bequeath [written amount or percentage of estate] to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, for its general purposes."

Specific Bequest, of a certain asset may be stated as follows:

Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount to Bread for the World

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath [amount] and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Bequest of Specific Personal Property to Bread for the World

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath [Description of Property] if owned by me at the time of my death, to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Bequest of Specific Real Estate to Bread for the World

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at [Include Address or Description of Property] to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Percentage Bequest to Bread for the World

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath 12 percent (12%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Residuary Bequest, after other bequests and expenses have been paid, made to Bread for the World may be stated as follows:

"I hereby give, devise, or bequeath to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, all [or a portion] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Contingent Bequest, if the person making the will is not survived by certain individuals, made to Bread for the World:

"If [name/s of primary beneficiary/ies] does not survive me, or shall die within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Bread for the World, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, Federal Tax Identification Number 13-2803276, [insert here the exact dollar amount, description of property, or percentage of residual estate] to be used for Bread for the World's general use and purpose."

Restricted Bequest, if you'd like your bequest to be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would love to work alongside you and your attorney in identifying funding areas that meet your charitable objectives. When making a restricted bequest, we recommend your attorney include the following provision to provide Bread for the World flexibility if it is no longer feasible to utilize your gift as you originally intended:

"If in the judgement of the Board of Directors of Bread for the World, it shall become impossible for Bread for the World to use this bequest to accomplish the specific purposes of this bequest, Bread for the World may use the income and principal of this gift for such purpose or purposes as the Board determines is most closely related to the restricted purpose of my bequest."

Contact Us

Please let us know if you have included Bread for the World or Bread for the World Institute in your estate plan by emailing legacyofhope@bread.org. We would love to thank you and recognize you for your gift.