



sample bequest language

If you are interested in providing for Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity in your will, the following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest that meets your needs.

general bequest

If you intend to leave an outright gift of cash, securities or other property by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to Habitat for Humanity to be used for general purposes:

“After taking care of all expenses, debts and other provisions, I give, devise and bequeath ___ percent of the rest and residue [or \$___ if a specific amount] to Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, a Washington-based charitable organization [Tax ID# 58-1735531] currently with administrative offices at 4824 S Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA 98409.”

specific bequest

If you intend to make an outright bequest for a specific purpose, such as to support advocacy or homeowner education:

“I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its charitable purposes, including but not limited to _____ use and purpose.”

contingency bequest

If you wish to make a contingency gift so that Habitat for Humanity 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 to which such beneficiary would otherwise be entitled, to Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity for its unrestricted use and purpose.”

amend your will with a codicil

If at any point in time, and for any reason, you wish to make changes to include Habitat 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 Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, located at 4824 S Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA 98409 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__.

The codicil, to be valid, must be signed in the presence of both witnesses who are present at the same time, and the original placed with your other valuable papers. A copy can go to your lawyer and a copy to Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity.