Sample Bequest Language

These samples are suggestions and do not substitute for professional legal counsel. As language varies by state, the Code of Support Foundation recommends that you consult with a qualified attorney when arranging charitable contributions that maximize philanthropic objectives while minimizing after-tax costs, drafting your will, or making changes to already established planned giving arrangements.

Specific amount for unrestricted purposes

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Code of Support Foundation (“COSF”), a nonprofit corporation located in Alexandria, Virginia, the sum of $___________ cash (or _____ shares of ______ stock) to be used for its general purposes.

Specific amount for specific purposes

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Code of Support Foundation (“COSF”), a nonprofit corporation located in Alexandria, Virginia, the sum of $_____________ in cash (or __________ shares of ________ stock) to be used for ______________________________ (name specific purpose) for so long as the need should exist. Should the need no longer exist, the Board of Trustees for the Code of Support Foundation, may, in their discretion, direct the use of my bequest for a purpose related as closely as possible to that stated above.

Percentage of estate for unrestricted purpose

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Code of Support Foundation (“COSF”), a nonprofit corporation located in Arlington, Virginia, _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift to be used at the discretion of the COSF.

Percentage of estate for specific purpose

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Code of Support Foundation (“COSF”), a nonprofit corporation located in Alexandria, Virginia, _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used in support of _______________________ (name specific purpose) for so long as the need should exist. Should the need no longer exist, the Board of Trustees for the Code of Support Foundation, may, in their discretion, direct the use of my bequest for a purpose related as closely as possible to that stated above.