



WILLS AND LIVING TRUSTS

Often, the largest and most meaningful gift anyone can make is a bequest in a will or living trust. Most of us cannot make such gifts now because we need these assets while we are alive. But, we can make such gifts in the future.

We understand and agree that family comes first, and encourage you to ensure that your loved ones are provided for, and then consider what causes are most meaningful to you. If Boys and Girls Country is one of them, we hope the legacy you leave will include one that will help change children's lives at our Home.

When you make a will and specify those loved ones you wish to remember as well as the charitable causes that are important to you, you ensure that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes. While many people assume that their children or attorney will remember what causes they gave to during their lifetime and continue those gifts, there is no guarantee this will happen. The only way to make sure that organizations whose values you share, such as Boys and Girls Country, will receive a portion of your hard-earned assets is to detail your gift in writing in your will. While your gift and your will are private and entirely up to you, please remember to let us know if you make a gift of this nature so we can say thank you.

There are several types of bequests:

- **A specific bequest** indicates the amount of cash, securities or other asset you wish to leave to the Endowment. Or it can indicate a specific percentage of the total value of your estate.
- **A residual bequest** leaves the remaining portion of your estate (or a percentage of the total) after all other bequests have been satisfied.
- You can make the Endowment the recipient of a **contingent bequest**, which takes into account the possibility of a change in your beneficiary's circumstances. For example, you might leave the Endowment a bequest if another heir predeceases you.

A Specific Bequest

You can make a bequest to the Endowment for a **specific** dollar amount or percentage of your estate.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Boys and Girls Country Endowment the sum of \$_____ dollars as an unrestricted gift, to be used at the sole discretion of the Endowment.

Or, you can make a bequest for specific assets, such as securities, real estate or personal property. Please be as specific as possible in identifying the property.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Boys and Girls Country Endowment my [insert description or identifying information of the asset], to be used and/or disposed of, as the Endowment determines, in its sole discretion, for its general purposes.

A Residual Bequest

You can make a **residual bequest**, which gives all or a portion of the residue of your estate to the Endowment after payment of expenses and any specific amounts designated to other beneficiaries.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Boys and Girls Country Endowment X percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift, to be used at the sole discretion of the Endowment.

A Contingent Bequest

You can make a **contingent bequest** to the Endowment, which allows you to account for a change in your beneficiary's circumstances.

I give, devise, and bequeath [insert name] X percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate if s/he survives me. If [insert name] does not survive me, I give, devise, and bequeath to the Boys and Girls Country Endowment, X percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift, to be used at the sole discretion of the Endowment.

Unrestricted and Restricted Gifts

Gifts that do not restrict the Endowment's use (unrestricted gifts) are especially appreciated by the Endowment and are of more value as they allow the Endowment to channel resources where the needs are the greatest.

The Endowment is also grateful for gifts that are designated for a specific purpose that advances its mission (restricted gifts), such as support to a specific initiative or for a specific program.

If you are interested in making a restricted gift, it is important that you include the following language to ensure that the Endowment may re-direct the use of your gift if the specified initiative, program, or purpose ceases to need funds in the future:

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Boys and Girls Country Endowment the sum of _____ dollars to be used for the [insert name of Boys and Girls Country program] for so long as the Endowment determines that the need exists. Should the need no longer exist, the Endowment may, in its sole discretion, direct the use of my bequest for a purpose related as closely as possible to that stated above.