BEQUESTS

Charitable Bequests: A Comfortable Commitment

Did you know that there are ways to make a meaningful gift commitment without letting go of your assets today? We call them comfortable commitments, and we invite you to consider whether a charitable bequest is a fit with your personal plans.

When you include Speare Memorial Hospital in your will or living trust, you incur no current out-of-pocket cost, and you retain full use of your assets during your lifetime. Equally important, you have the flexibility to make changes in your bequest provisions. There are:

Unrestricted Specific Amount or Percentage Bequest

A specific amount or percentage of one’s estate bequest is one of the most popular types of charitable bequests. With such a bequest, you designate that Speare Memorial Hospital receives a specific dollar amount, percentage of your estate or a specific piece of property.

Bequest Language Example

I give and devise to Speare Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, New Hampshire, the sum of $__________ dollars (or state percentage of estate) to be held, administered, and used by the Board of Directors for support of Speare Memorial Hospital in the area of greatest opportunity.

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes “income in respect of a decedent” as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Unrestricted Residuary Bequest

A residuary bequest is used to give Speare Memorial Hospital all or a portion of your property after all debts, taxes, expenses and other beneficiaries have been paid.

Bequest Language Example

I give and devise to Speare Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, New Hampshire, all (or state percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be held, administered, and used by the Board of Directors for support of Speare Memorial Hospital in the area of greatest opportunity.

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes “income in respect of a decedent” as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

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Unrestricted Contingent Bequest

In anticipation of an unexpected occurrence, or if there should be certain other specific conditions that apply, a contingent bequest will ensure that property will pass to Speare Memorial Hospital rather than to unintended beneficiaries.

*Bequest Language Example*

If (insert name or names) does not survive me, I give and devise to Speare Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, New Hampshire, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be held, administered, and used by the Board of Directors for support of Speare Memorial Hospital in the area of greatest opportunity.

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes “income in respect of a decedent” as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Bequest Language for a Restricted Gift

If you would like to make a bequest in support of a specific purpose, please contact the Development Office for more information: 603-238-2211.

Be sure to consult your legal and financial counsel when considering a charitable bequest.