



Making a Bequest Gift

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Bequests are the simplest and most common type of estate gift. You do not have to have great wealth or a complex estate plan to include The Cradle in your will or living trust. A bequest can appear in your original will or in a codicil and is revocable should you change your mind. Following is sample language for a bequest to The Cradle Foundation:

1. Specific Bequest

"I give and bequeath to The Cradle Foundation, Evanston, Illinois, 60201, the sum of \$_____ for the general purposes of supporting The Cradle adoption agency."

2. Residual Bequest

A percentage of your residual estate will make certain you take care of your heirs first and then leave a gift to The Cradle.

"I give and bequeath to The Cradle Foundation, Evanston, Illinois, 60201, _____ % of the residue of my estate for the general purposes of supporting The Cradle adoption agency."

3. Contingent Bequest

This gift results only after certain conditions described in your will are met. It can also be stated as a percentage of your estate.

"If my wife, Jane Smith Doe, does not survive me, I give and bequeath to The Cradle Foundation, Evanston, Illinois, 60201, the sum of \$_____ for the general purposes of supporting The Cradle adoption agency."

None of the suggested bequest language is meant to constitute legal advice and should be used with the assistance of your attorney.

Cradle Mission: To benefit children and all others touched by adoption - by compassionately delivering exceptional education, guidance and lifelong support to build, sustain and preserve nurturing families.