

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Bequest Language for Existing Funds *(use with Endowment Fund Agreement)*

When a Donor has already established a Fund with the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen, the bequest language very simply refers to the specific Fund which will provide detailed instructions to the Foundation.

I give to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind*** to be added to the _____ Fund.

General Bequest Language

Since a charitable bequest may not come to CFSOS for many years general bequests are the most valuable as they allow the Foundation to apply your funds wherever the need is greatest at the time:

I give to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind*** to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction.

Bequest Language to Establish a Named Endowment Fund

A named endowment allows you to establish a permanent fund that will endure for generations. Your donated funds are professionally invested with the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen for long-term growth as well as annual income. Only the income from the fund, as defined by the Foundation's policies, is used each year to provide annual granting to important local causes. Since the capital of the fund remains invested, your name, values, and thoughtful gift will continue to touch lives far into the future.

I give to Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen (CFSOS) the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind*** to be used to establish a permanent endowment fund to be named _____ *(state the name you would like for the fund)*, hereafter referred to as The Fund. The Fund shall be managed by CFSOS subject to its investment and spending policies, and the income from The Fund, as defined by those policies, shall be used for _____ *(describe how the annual income from your fund is to be used)*. If my gift is below the minimum level required to establish an endowment at CFSOS, or if, at any time, it becomes impossible or impractical for The Fund established by my gift to be used for the above charitable purpose, CFSOS shall use my gift or The Fund for a purpose and in a manner that most closely meets the above charitable purpose.

Restricted Bequest Language

Some donors like to direct their giving to specific needs, such as scholarships, seniors care, youth in crisis, etc. Restricted bequests are welcomed, though it is important that they have some flexibility and are not too narrow in their scope as needs and programs can change over time.

I give to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind** with annual income from my gift to be used for _____ *(describe how your gift should be used)*. If, at any time, it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above charitable purpose, CFSOS shall use my gift for a purpose that most closely meets the above charitable purpose.

Designated Bequest Language

Some donors like to name specific charities to support with the annual income from their gift. It is important to consider what may happen if the designated charity no longer exists. This may be handled by naming an alternate charity or by giving discretion to the Foundation.

I give to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind*** with annual income from my gift to be granted to _____ (*name the charity you wish to support*). If, at any time, it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above charitable purpose, CFSOS shall use my gift for a purpose that most closely meets the above charitable purpose.

Contingent Bequest Language

The situation may change after a will is drafted—the people and charities named in your will may not be there in the future. In such cases, naming Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen as a contingent beneficiary can be a great alternative.

If _____ (*name of beneficiary*) is not living at the time of my demise (*or if ___Name of Charity___ is no longer in existence*), I give the sum of \$_____ (OR) the residue of my estate (OR) X% of my estate (OR) X number of shares **in kind*** to the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction (*or you may use the restricted bequest language above to define a specific purpose for your charitable bequest*).

****IMPORTANT: Using the words “in kind” for gifts of securities is critical to avoid capital gains tax.***

Beneficiary Designation on a Retirement Account

The easiest way to make a charitable bequest to benefit the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen (CFSOS) is by simply naming the Community Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, RRSP, or RRIF.

Since most retirement plan assets can have tax consequences when left to loved ones other than a spouse, naming CFSOS as a full or partial beneficiary of your retirement plan can offer significant tax savings. However, you should consult with your tax advisor to assess your specific plan and potential tax implications.

Benefits of a Beneficiary Designation:

1. Potential income and/or estate tax savings
2. Ability to maintain complete control over plan assets during your life
3. Easy to complete—just request a change of beneficiary form from your advisors
4. Good feelings that come with helping the community you love

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