

BEQUESTS AND CHARITABLE GIFTS IN WILLS

SPOKANE COUNTY UNITED WAY

Everyone wants to have a life with meaning. Part of that meaningful life is the ability to live on in the memory of family and friends. A good estate plan can indeed create a legacy for family and charity that gives added meaning to the causes and community that are important in your life.

Donor Advised Funds

Many families find that a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a simple and efficient way to help charities that they love. By establishing such a fund, you can time the gifts you make (for investment or tax reasons) and you can select the charities you wish to benefit from your gifts. You receive the income or estate tax deduction, and the opportunity is there to make distribution decisions later.

Many families may use a Donor Advised Fund as an estate beneficiary so that they can allow their children or friends to continue supervising the gifts from their fund for years to come. Parents appreciate the way that their DAF encourages children to be involved in philanthropy.

Charitable Endowments

Another option that you may prefer is to leave property or money in an endowment form so that the charity does not spend the principal. Instead, the charity pays the endowment income (as the donors often have done throughout their lives). Endowments may be left to community or often directly to the charity with instructions for their use. It is often helpful to suggest a general purpose for the endowment fund because it will last perpetually, and the original purpose for the gift may one day not exist. If you are interested in an endowment approach to your charitable gifts, please contact us.

Spokane County United Way partners with the Innovia Foundation to establish and oversee endowments and Donor Advised Funds, and currently have both the Fosseen Family Endowment/Spokane County United Way Fund and Tim Henkel Innovation Fund for Spokane County United Way under advisement.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest to United Way Worldwide.

Specific Bequest.

A specific bequest involves making a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property or a gift for a specific dollar amount. For example, you may wish to leave your home or \$10,000 to Spokane County United Way.

Percentage Bequest.

Another kind of specific bequest involves leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 10% of your estate to Spokane County United Way.

Residual Bequest.

A residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 30% of the residue of your estate to Spokane County United Way.

Contingent Bequest. A contingent bequest is made to charity only if the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, you could leave specific property, such as a vacation home, to a relative, but the bequest language could provide that if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, the vacation home will go to Spokane County United Way.

An excellent way for you to support Spokane County United Way's mission is to leave us a bequest in your will, living trust or with a codicil. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that you are able to leave a lasting legacy.

BEQUEST BENEFITS

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

BEQUEST LANGUAGE

In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney. Your attorney can help you include a bequest to United Way Worldwide in your estate plan. We have provided some basic bequest language to assist you and your attorney.

1. Specific Bequest

If you are considering making an outright bequest to Spokane County United Way, we recommend the following language:

Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount

I hereby give, devise and bequeath _____ and no/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920 N. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.

Bequest of Specific Personal Property

I hereby give, devise and bequeath DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920 N. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.

Bequest of Specific Real Estate

I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920mN. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.

2. Percentage Bequest

If you are considering making a bequest of a percentage of your estate to United Way Worldwide, we recommend the following language:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath ____ percent (____%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920 N. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.

3. Residual Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920 N. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.

4. Contingent Bequest

If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Spokane County United Way, a nonprofit organization located at 920 N. Washington Street, Spokane, Washington Federal Tax ID #91-0606058, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for Spokane County United Way's general use and purpose.