Make a Bequest Gift

Providing a gift through your will, retirement plan, or insurance policy is one of the simplest ways to support future hunger relief efforts. A bequest allows you to retain control of your assets in your lifetime and can be adjusted if circumstances change.

Below are the most common types of bequests with sample language.

**Percentage Bequest.** Name a percentage of your estate that you want to leave to the Maryland Food Bank.

Sample: *I give to Maryland Food Bank a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation [2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227] the ___ % of my estate.*

**Specific Bequest.** Name a specific dollar amount or named appreciated assets (e.g., securities) that you want to leave to the Maryland Food Bank.

Sample Option 1: *I give to Maryland Food Bank a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation [2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227] the sum of $_____ of my estate.*

Sample Option 2: *I give to Maryland Food Bank, a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation [2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227] these exact items of [stock/bond] for its general purposes as determined by the Board of Director.*

**Residuary Bequest.** This type of bequest is honored after all other bequests have been made, and all debts, expenses and taxes have been paid.

Sample: *All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal I give to Maryland Food Bank a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation [2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227] remainder of my estate; or (this described property) for its general purposes.*

**Contingent Bequest.** Name the Maryland Food Bank as a contingent recipient if your primary beneficiary does not survive you.

Sample: *I bequeath the rest remainder and residue of all personal and real, owned by me, at my death, to my wife [insert name] if she survives me. If my wife does not survive me I give to Maryland Food Bank a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation [2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227] the residuary of my estate; for its general purposes.*
Legal Language for The Maryland Food Bank

If you wish to name The Maryland Food Bank in your will or estate plan, please contact your attorney and include the following legal language in your documents:

- **Legal Name:** The Maryland Food Bank, Inc.
- **Address:** 2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD 21227
- **Tax ID #:** 52-1135690

**Additional Information**

At The Maryland Food Bank, all unrestricted charitable gifts are used strategically to support top priorities at the time when the gift is received. If you have a more specific purpose in mind, please contact Kat Thomas at 443-709-4942 to discuss if we can meet your wishes.

If you have included The Maryland Food Bank in your estate plans, please let us know by returning the Planned Gift Intention Form. We would like to thank you for your generous commitment and acknowledge your intention to make a bequest gift in our Annual Report.

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