



## Sample Language for your Will

The following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest that meets your needs.

### General bequest

If you intend to leave an outright gift of cash, securities or other property by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to Habitat for Humanity to be used for general purposes:

“After taking care of all expenses, debts and other provisions, I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_ percent of the rest and residue [or \$\_\_\_\_ if a specific amount] to Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta, [Charitable Registration Number 13582 0496 RR0001.] Currently with administrative offices at 210-805 Manning Rd NE Calgary, AB T2E 7M8.

### Specific bequest

If you intend to make an outright bequest for a specific purpose, such as a specific build:

“I, [name], of [city, province, Postal Code], give, devise and bequeath to Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta [Charitable Registration Number 13582 0496 RR0001.] Currently with administrative offices at 210-805 Manning Rd NE Calgary, AB T2E 7M8. [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its charitable purposes, including but not limited to \_\_\_\_\_ use and purpose.”

### Contingency bequest

If you wish to make a contingency gift so that Habitat for Humanity will receive a portion of your estate if your named beneficiary does not survive you:

“If any of the beneficiaries named in this will should die before becoming entitled to receive their distributive share of my estate, I direct my trustee to pay or transfer the share to which such beneficiary would otherwise be entitled, to Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta [Charitable Registration Number 13582 0496 RR0001.] Currently with administrative offices at 210-805 Manning Rd NE Calgary, AB T2E 7M8. For its unrestricted use and purpose.”

### Codicil

If at any point in time and for any reason, you wish to make changes to include Habitat in your will, you can easily amend it by using a Codicil. A codicil is a document your legal counsellor can prepare to amend your will or trust without rewriting the entire document. The codicil adds a new gift to Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta while reaffirming the other terms of your will.

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Then, consult with your tax advisor and lawyer to determine which planned gift strategy is best for you.