

SAMPLE WILL WORDING



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Including Heifer International in Your Will

Many people would like to support the mission of Heifer International but feel they cannot afford to make such a gift today. A bequest by will or revocable trust can be tailored to complement your personal lifestyle and financial goals and also support Heifer! We appreciate you considering putting Heifer in your will or revocable trust. If you include Heifer in a bequest provision, please notify us so that we can ensure your wishes can be fulfilled. Your notification is not binding and will be treated confidentially.

You can provide an end of life gift to Heifer in several ways:

1. The most common method is to include a **bequest** for:
 - a percentage of your estate,
 - a specific dollar amount, or
 - the residue of your estate after providing for others.
2. You may also name Heifer International as a **contingent beneficiary** in the event that other beneficiaries predecease you.
3. Another thoughtful arrangement is to establish a **trust or annuity in your will** that provides lifetime income for a loved one with the remainder eventually going to Heifer International.
4. You can also name Heifer as a beneficiary of your **retirement assets** such as an Individual Retirement Account or Pension Plan. When these assets are left to family members, they funds received are taxed to your loved ones. However, gifting these assets to Heifer will be tax free since Heifer is a tax-exempt organization allowing you to give other assets to your family members. Please contact your legal or financial advisor about how to provide for this type of bequest to Heifer.

For the purpose of including Heifer in your will, our legal name is **“Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas.”** Our tax identification number is 71-0699939.

By including Heifer International in your will or revocable trust you provide an inheritance of hope for needy children who otherwise would inherit only hunger and poverty.

How Will My Gift Be Used

When leaving a bequest to Heifer there are many ways that your gift can be used to support the mission of ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth. A bequest can be used by Heifer International to support its mission immediately in the year that it is made if the will or revocable trust specifies that the gift is for “immediate use.” A bequest can also be placed in an endowment with Heifer Foundation as a way to continue your annual giving after you pass away. Funds from the endowment will be made available to Heifer International each year to support the mission.

You can also designate that your bequest support a particular country such as Cameroon or a particular initiative such as gender equity. Please contact us for more information on how you can designate your bequest.

Sample Bequest Provisions

Everyone's will is a very personal document. The provisions in this personal document depend on a person's wishes and circumstances. Perhaps one of these sample provisions will be helpful for you:

Gift of a Percent of One's Estate: I give to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, ___% of my estate for its general purposes OR for immediate use.

Specific Legacy: I bequeath _____ (name a specific asset, such as a home, farm, livestock, stocks, mutual funds, etc.) to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, for its general purposes OR for immediate use.

Gift for a Specific Purpose: I give to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property herein described) to be used for _____ (specify the purpose).

Memorial Fund: I give to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, the sum of \$ _____ (or property herein described), the same to be known as "The _____ Memorial Endowment", the income wherefrom shall be used for its general purposes (or describe the specific purpose, if desired).

Gift of Remainder after Other Bequests Have Been Made: All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Contingency Gift: I give the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal, to my wife, (husband) _____, if she, (he) survives me. If my wife (husband) does not survive me, I give my residuary estate to Heifer International Foundation, an Arkansas non-profit corporation with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Testamentary Charitable Trust or Annuity: A Charitable Trust or Annuity may be set up in your will to provide life income to a survivor, with the remainder going to Heifer International Foundation on the survivor's death. Sample forms to help your attorney draft this type of bequest are available on request from Heifer International Foundation.

Benefits of Making a Bequest to Heifer

There are many advantages to leaving Heifer in your will or revocable trust. Bequests are very flexible, and if you already have a will or revocable trust, you can add a bequest to Heifer by simply creating a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust. A bequest can be changed at any time before death. Therefore, you remain in control of the property until you pass away. A gift to charity at your death will provide your estate with a deduction for federal estate tax purposes and in most cases is exempt from state inheritance taxes.

For More Information

For more information about how you can include Heifer in your will or trust you can contact us at our toll-free number 888.422.1161 or by email at info@heiferfoundation.org. Thank you for your interest in supporting the mission of Heifer even after your lifetime and providing poverty stricken families with the means to better their lives, sustain themselves, and strengthen their communities.