

giving at the ywca - bequests

Bequests (or gifts through a donor's will) are the most common type of planned charitable gift received by the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. Typically, a donor sets aside a certain dollar amount or percentage of their estate, or a specific asset to benefit the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. The donor's estate will receive a charitable tax deduction upon his or her death when the gift is made to charity.* Bequests help the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago launch and also support important community programs, and prepare the organization for future growth. Here is sample bequests language:

General Bequests

A general bequest may be used by the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago to provide support for our greatest area of need or may be held for future use as deemed by the Board of Directors. Examples are:

I leave (\$ _____ or _____% of my estate, or a complete description of specific property or asset) to YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, a not-for-profit organization or its successor organization. Residual bequests: You may name the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago as the beneficiary of all or part of the residue of your estate.

I leave (the balance and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property, (or) _____% of the balance and remainder of my estate) to the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, a not-for-profit organization, or its successor organization, to be (used for _____ or used as determined by the Board of Directors. If these funds cannot be used as specified, I grant authority to the Board of Directors to use them for a purpose that most closely represents my wishes as stated herein.)

Contingent Bequests:

You may name the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago as the contingent beneficiary of your bequest in the event that the primary beneficiary(ies) should predecease you. If any or all of the above-named beneficiaries should predecease me, then I give to the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, a not-for-profit organization, or its successor organization all the property, real or personal, which said beneficiary or beneficiaries would have received if they had survived me.

Life Insurance

Many donors wish to make generous donations to the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago but do not have the income or assets to do so. You make a significant contribution by naming the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago as the owner or beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy, or create a new one and receive a tax deduction for the premiums.*

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**Always consult your personal financial or tax advisor in advance to see how a charitable bequest can benefit you.*