



The following **Sample Bequest Language** may assist you in developing your own Bequest(s).

Please take this to your lawyer when you go to draft (or update) your Will and he/she can modify it as necessary to meet your request.

A specific bequest:

“I give to Red Deer Hospice Society (99 Arnot Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4R 3S6) all of my shares in XYZ Mutual Fund to be used for the general purposes of the said charity.”

A general bequest:

“I give to Red Deer Hospice Society (99 Arnot Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4R 3S6) the sum of \$_____ of my total estate for the general purposes of the said charity.”

A residual bequest:

““I give to Red Deer Hospice Society (99 Arnot Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4R 3S6) _____ % of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, to be used for the general purposes of said charity.”

A contingent bequest:

“If (name of primary beneficiary) does not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to Red Deer Hospice Society (99 Arnot Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4R 3S6) all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the general purposes of said charity.

Bequests for Endowments:

An endowment is a gift permanently invested with only the income used. Gifts could be designated for the general endowment or used to create an individually named fund.

Example: “I give to Red Deer Hospice Society (99 Arnot Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4R 3S6) the sum of \$_____. (For a named endowed fund the minimum gift is \$10,000.) This gift may be merged with any of the investment assets of the Hospice, but it shall be identified in the Hospice’s books and records as an endowment named for _____. The income thereof shall be used to provide care for the terminally ill at said Hospice.”

Power to Vary Provision

It is recommended that the following paragraph be added if the bequest is either for a restricted use or to establish an endowment.

“If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Red Deer Hospice Society, it should become impossible, inadvisable, or impractical to use this gift for the specified purpose(s), then the Board may in their discretion use the gift to the best advantage of the Hospice, keeping in mind the original wishes of the donor. In any such alternative application, the support provided by this bequest shall be clearly identified with the name of _____.”