

Suggested Bequest Language for a Will

If your clients want to leave a bequest to DCCF, we suggest that you keep the language in the will as general as possible. Then have donors file a letter of understanding with the foundation that details their intentions for use of the gift. This way, donors can update the letter of understanding at any time and not have to incur the expense of rewriting their will.

Here are **three samples of bequest language**. Choose the one that best fits your clients' charitable intentions:

BEQUEST FOR GRANTS ENDOWMENT

"I give and bequeath (describe gift — amount, asset or percentage) to the Douglas County Community Foundation, Lawrence, Kansas for the Grants Endowment Fund. I direct that the income from this fund be used for community benefit at the discretion of the board of Douglas County Community Foundation."

BEQUEST TO CREATE A NEW ENDOWED FUND*

*\$10,000 minimum

"I give and bequeath (describe gift — dollar amount, percentage, or item) to the Douglas County Community Foundation, Lawrence, Kansas to establish a permanent endowment fund known as the _____ Fund. I direct that the income from this fund be used for (specify charitable purpose or indicate 'for community benefit at the discretion of the Douglas County Community Foundation')."

BEQUEST TO AN EXISTING FUND

"I give and bequeath (describe gift — dollar amount, percentage, or item) to the Douglas County Community Foundation, Lawrence, Kansas, to add to a permanent endowment fund known as the _____ Fund. I direct that the income from this fund be used for charitable purposes as defined in the fund agreement."