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How to Include Equal Rights Advocates in Your Will or Trust

Thank you for considering a gift to Equal Rights Advocates in your will or living trust. A charitable bequest offers these main benefits:

- **Simplicity.** Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share the sample bequest language for Equal Rights Advocates with your estate planning attorney (see below).
- **Flexibility.** Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.
- **Versatility.** You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- **Tax Relief.** If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

To discuss the good your future gift could accomplish at Equal Rights Advocates, please contact the Development Team at 415-621-0672 ext. 300 or development@equalrights.org.

BEQUESTS

To make a charitable bequest, you need a current will or revocable living trust. By including Equal Rights Advocates in your will, you can ensure that your generosity will continue in perpetuity. Equal Rights Advocates pledges to put your gift to the best possible use by protecting and advocating for the rights of women and girls at school and the workplace.

Your gift can be made as a percentage of your estate, a specific amount of cash, securities, or property, or a gift of residue — the assets that remain after other bequests have been granted. Sample language for each is provided below.

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Percentage of estate:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Equal Rights Advocates, Tax ID #: 23-7217027, ____% of my estate to be used for its charitable purposes."

Specific amount:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Equal Rights Advocates, Tax ID #: 23-7217027, \$xxx,xxx to be used for its charitable purposes."

Residue of estate:

"All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise, and bequeath to Equal Rights Advocates, Tax ID #: 23-7217027, to be used for its charitable purposes."

Note: The above wording is suggested. Please consult your attorney when preparing any legal document.

PUTTING YOUR FAMILY FIRST

When planning a future gift, it's sometimes difficult to determine what size donation will make sense. Emergencies happen, and you need to make sure your family is financially taken care of first. Including a bequest of a percentage of your estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate no matter how your estate's value fluctuates over the years.

IS THIS GIFT RIGHT FOR YOU?

In general, a charitable bequest works for anyone who would like to support Equal Rights Advocates in the future. Because you can change your mind at any time and make your gift in relative proportion to bequests to family and friends, this type of gift has universal appeal.

We Can Help

Contact the Development Team at 415-621-0672 or development@equalrights.org with any questions about naming Equal Rights Advocates in your will or living trust.

All inquiries are confidential, with no obligation.