



LEGACY GIVING—How to Give

Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. There are different kinds of bequests. For each, you must use very specific language to indicate the precise direction of your assets, and to successfully carry out your final wishes. In any charitable bequest, be sure to name the recipient accurately. A bequest to a national organization might go to national headquarters, when you meant it to go to the affiliate in your community.

General Bequest Language:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, 18675 NE 106th Street, Redmond, WA 98052, Tax ID # 91-1012131, the sum of \$ _____ (or a description of the specific asset for the benefit of LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER and its general purposes.”

Specific Bequest Language:

Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose. (i.e., to be used for tack at Little Bit, or for tuition assistance.)

“I give, devise, and bequeath to LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, 18675 NE 106th Street, Redmond, WA 98052, Tax ID # 91-1012131, the sum of \$ _____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgement of the Board of Trustees of LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose.”

Residual Bequest Language:

“All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, 18675 NE 106th Street, Redmond, WA 98052, Tax ID # 91-1012131, for its general purposes.”

Contingency Bequest Language:

“I devise and bequeath the residue of the property, real and personal and wherever situated, owned by me at my death, to (name of beneficiary), if (she/he) survives me. If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I devise and bequeath my residuary estate to LITTLE BIT THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, 18675 NE 106th Street, Redmond, WA 98052, Tax ID # 91-1012131, for its general purposes.”