

Be a Legacy Donor Through Planned Giving

You can make a significant gift to help ensure our ongoing advocacy for our state's most vulnerable children by including MassKids in your estate planning. One way is to make a bequest through your will or trust. By doing so, you not only leave a lasting legacy to be remembered, you also lessen the tax burden on your family and may secure estate tax savings.

How to Make a Bequest

A bequest can be made easily. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to Massachusetts Citizens for Children as part of your estate plan.

A bequest can be made in several ways. You can:

1. Gift a specific dollar amount or asset (specific bequest)
2. Gift a percentage of your estate (percentage bequest)
3. Gift from the balance or residue of your estate (residual bequest)
4. Make a beneficiary designation of certain assets (contingent bequest)

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney and/or tax advisor who can help you include a bequest to Massachusetts Citizens for Children in your estate plan. Here is some basic bequest language to assist you and your attorney:

1. Specific Bequest

If you are considering making an outright bequest to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, we recommend the following language:

Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount

I hereby give, devise and bequeath _____ and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

Bequest of Specific Personal Property

I hereby give, devise and bequeath DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

Bequest of Specific Real Estate

I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

2. Percentage Bequest

If you are considering making a bequest of a percentage of your estate to MassKids, we recommend the following language:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath ____ percent (___%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

3. Residual Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

4. Contingent Bequest

If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Massachusetts Citizens for Children, a nonprofit organization located at 112 Water St. Suite 204, Boston, MA 02109, Federal Tax ID #04-2276809, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for Massachusetts Citizens for Children's general use and purpose.

5. Restricted Bequests

If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your bequest will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and

your attorney to help you identify ways to give and meet your charitable objectives. We will also work with you and your attorney to craft language to accomplish your goals.

If you are making a restricted bequest, we recommend that your attorney include the following provision to give Massachusetts Citizens for Children flexibility should it no longer be possible for Massachusetts Citizens for Children to use your gift as you originally intended:

If, in the judgment of the Board of Directors Massachusetts Citizens for Children, it shall become impossible for Massachusetts Citizens for Children to use this bequest to accomplish the specific purposes of this bequest, Massachusetts Citizens for Children may use the income and principal of this gift for such purpose or purposes as the Board determines is most closely related to the restricted purpose of my bequest.

Please contact us at info@masskids.org if you have any questions about how to make a bequest to Massachusetts Citizens for Children or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a bequest to us.

If you have included a bequest for Massachusetts Citizens for Children in your estate plan, please contact us to let us know. We would like to thank you and recognize you for your gift.