



## Sample Bequest Language

When a donor chooses to support the Community Foundation by a bequest made through will or codicil, the following language is suggested:

1. I give and bequeath [describe gift] to the Lancaster County Community Foundation (the "Foundation") for general charitable uses and purposes, in accordance with the provisions specified in the Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation, all of which provisions are hereby incorporated by reference and conclusively assented to and adopted.
2. The Fund hereby created shall be known as ("Fund").
3. The Fund shall be disbursed to support the charitable purposes identified by me and in the manner provided on file at the Lancaster County Community Foundation.
4. It is intended that the Fund shall be a component part of the Foundation and that no term, covenant, or condition of the Fund shall affect the status of the Foundation as an entity that is a qualified charitable organization.
5. Any term, covenant, or condition of the Fund which is determined by the Foundation to be inconsistent with such intent shall be void ab initio and shall be deemed amended, modified, or deleted so as to eliminate such inconsistency.
6. If in the sole discretion of the board of directors of the Foundation, any suggested designation or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community or area served, the board of directors may redirect distributions to other charitable causes in the community.
7. The Foundation shall charge the Fund to the extent sufficient for reasonable and proper compensation for services and expenses.

### LANGUAGE FOR LIVING TRUSTS:

*Substitute the following for the first line of will language above.*

1. Upon the death of \_\_\_\_\_ (the Trustor), [the sum of \_\_\_\_\_]  
[or, describe gift \_\_\_\_\_] shall be distributed.