

Sample Will Wording

The following sample wording options can help you structure a bequest in your Will. It is important that this language be reviewed by a legal advisor.

Residual Bequest

What it is: You donate all, or a percentage of, your estate to charity after all your debts, taxes, expenses and bequests have been paid.

I direct my executors to give _____ per cent of the residue of my estate to BC Women's Health Foundation for the benefit of BC Women's Hospital + Health Care Centre, where it is needed most as determined in the absolute discretion of the directors of BC Women's Health Foundation.

Specific Bequest

What it is: You donate a specific dollar amount or a piece of property such as real estate, stocks, bonds or collections such as art.

I direct my executor to give BC Women's Health Foundation for the benefit of BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre the sum of \$_____ for use where it is needed most as determined in the absolute discretion of the directors of BC Women's Health Foundation.

Designated Gift

What it is: You have an interest in a specific area of women's health and choose to restrict your gift to that area.

I direct my executors to give BC Women's Health Foundation for the benefit of BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre the sum of \$_____ (or percentage of my residue) to be used for the purpose of _____, provided that if such purpose ceases to exist then the directors of BC Women's Health Foundation are authorized to apply the bequest to other such purposes which conforms as much as possible to the spirit and intent of this bequest.

Contingent Gift

What it is: Your gift will take effect only if the original intention cannot be met (e.g., if the primary or alternate beneficiaries do not survive the donor).

If (name of primary beneficiary) does not survive me for 30 days, then I give (description of gift) to BC Women's Health Foundation for use where it is needed most in the absolute discretion of the directors of BC Women's Health Foundation.

Please note:

As the needs at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre change significantly from year to year, it is appreciated if an "undesignated" gift can be made. If restrictions are placed on your gift, they should be made generally and with some flexibility, should the need no longer exist in the future.