

## Bequests in Wills Language

### Suggested language for Bequests

This information has been prepared to assist individuals considering a bequest and legal and other financial professionals when acting for clients who wish to make gifts by will to Victoria General Hospital Foundation located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The suggested wording is intended as an example that can be amended to suit the particular circumstances of benefactors. It is strongly recommended that benefactors seek legal advice when incorporating a charitable bequest into their estate plans. This will make certain that the clause chosen is properly placed in the overall structure of the will, thus ensuring the gift will be valid.

### Suggested Bequest Language:

*I give, devise and bequeath to Victoria General Hospital Foundation Inc., a registered charity located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the sum of \$ (or: percent of the residue of my estate and or other personal property appropriately described) to be used as its Board of Trustees shall deem advisable to advance the Foundation's mission. I direct my Executor or Trustee to pay such sum to Victoria General Hospital Foundation Inc. expressly for that purpose. Acknowledgement by the Chief Executive Officer or designate of the Foundation shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor or Trustee, who shall not be bound to see to the application thereof.*

### Bequests with Special Instructions:

**Endowment:** If you intend your bequest to be endowed, please include:

*The capital and income therefrom is to be administered in accordance with the Endowment Policy of Victoria General Hospital Foundation Inc. as amended from time to time.*

### Bequests Intended for a Specific Purpose:

If you wish your bequest to be used for a specific purpose, please contact Victoria General Hospital Foundation Inc. to ensure that your intentions can be fulfilled and to discuss suggested wording specific to your bequest. It is recommended that the following clause be included in all bequests with specific instructions for the use of the funds:

*In the event that circumstances make the specified use or purpose of this gift no longer practical or desirable, Victoria General Hospital Foundation Inc. is hereby authorized to make changes in its use in keeping as close as possible with the spirit and general intent of the gift.*