

## Children's Defense Fund Wills and Bequests

### Sample language

- **Specific Bequest:** I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount or item of property to be donated) to the Children's Defense Fund or its successor organization, a nonprofit corporation as described in section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code with national headquarters located at 840 First ST NE, Washington DC 20002, to be used for advocacy and programs which ensure that all children, especially those experiencing extraordinary challenges, have the opportunity to grow into their full potential.
- **Residuary Bequest:** I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert % amount) of all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to the Children's Defense Fund or its successor organization, a nonprofit corporation as described in section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, with national headquarters located at 840 First ST NE, Washington DC 20002, to be used for advocacy and programs which ensure that all children, especially those experiencing extraordinary challenges, have the opportunity to grow into their full potential.
- **Restricted Gift (Specific or Residuary) Bequest:** I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount, item of property or % of residue) to the Children's Defense Fund, or its successor organization, a nonprofit corporation as described in section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, with national headquarters located at 840 First ST NE, Washington DC 20002, to be used exclusively [insert restricted use language here - such as in the State of XYZ, for policy research, for children's programs, for Freedom Schools, for Beat the Odds, etc.].
- **Contingency Gift:** *Takes effect only if a primary intention can't be met.*  
If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to the Children's Defense Fund, or its successor organization, a non-profit corporation as described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, with national headquarters located at 840 First ST NE, Washington DC 20002, all of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be used for its benefit.
- **Safety Language:** *Language added whenever a gift is restricted.*  
In the event the purposes of the restriction, if the Board of Directors determines the original restrictions can no longer be fulfilled, the Board may devote any remaining assets exclusively for charitable purposes that: (a) are within the scope of the charitable purposes of charity (b) most nearly approximate to the original purpose of the gift; and (c) benefits charity.
- For further information, please contact the Development office of Children's Defense Fund via email at [donations@childrensdefense.org](mailto:donations@childrensdefense.org) or by phone at 202-662-1901.