

Estate Planning Guide

Sample Bequest Language

Specific Bequest

"I give \$_____ [or describe asset] to International Bird Rescue, a nonprofit corporation of the State of California, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors." [If you are interested in designating your gift to a specific program or activity, please contact Bird Rescue to ensure your wishes are carried out.]

Residuary Bequest

"I give to International Bird Rescue, a nonprofit corporation of the State of California, all [or ____ percent] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors."

Codicil

You may also amend your current will with a codicil to designate a gift to International Bird Rescue.

"Codicil to Last Will and Testament of [name]

"I, [name] of [city, state], declare this to be my Codicil to my Last Will and Testament.

"My Last Will and Testament is to be amended to add the following provision:

"I bequeath the sum of [dollar amount]/[specific asset] to International Bird Rescue, a nonprofit corporation of the State of California, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors.

"Except as modified by this Codicil, I republish my Last Will and Testament."

We strongly encourage individuals considering making or changing their estate plans to contact their attorney and tax advisor.