



CHARITABLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

A **charitable bequest** is a distribution from an estate to a charitable organization through the donor's Last Will and Testament. A Will is fully revocable during life.

Charitable bequests are gifts that require careful planning and decision-making. The WDM encourages our donors to contact their professional advisor(s) to discuss their giving options and intentions as well as draft the final document in proper language.

The donor's estate is entitled to a charitable tax receipt for the full value of the bequest, providing a significant tax credit on the final tax return.

All bequests to the WDM are gratefully acknowledged when they are received.

GENERAL BEQUESTS: Are legacies left to certain people or causes that come from the general value of the estate and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, or a fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Western Development Museum (WDM), Charitable Business Number 119293215RR0001, the sum of **\$ SPECIFIC AMOUNT** for the benefit of the WDM and its general purposes.*

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Western Development Museum (WDM), Charitable Business Number 119293215RR0001, ___ % (**PERCENTAGE**) of the residue of my estate, for the benefit of the WDM and its general purposes.*

SPECIFIC BEQUESTS: Are made when the gift is bequeathed for a designated purpose. It is particularly important to talk to a representative from the WDM to ensure Museum can meet the conditions of your specific bequest.

*I give, devise and bequeath to the Western Development Museum (WDM), Charitable Business Number 119293215RR0001 the sum of **\$ SPECIFIC AMOUNT** for the benefit of the WDM to be used for the following purpose: (**state the purpose**). If at any time in the judgement of the trustees of the WDM it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternate purpose closest to the designated purpose, keeping in mind the spirit of the gift intent.*

If you have included the WDM in your estate planning, we would like to be able to thank you and understand "the story" behind your gift. Your privacy will be respected. Please contact Susan Scharf, Manager of Philanthropy, at sscharf@wdm.ca or via telephone at 306-934-1409. Ext. 236.