



SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Thank you for your interest in remembering Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area in your estate plans. Your commitment to this work ensures that we can continue our efforts as a human services and immigration relief and welcome agency, just as we have since 1917. Below is suggested language to use when drafting your bequest.

Unrestricted gifts allow LSSNCA to direct funds to the areas of most pressing need. To include a specific, unrestricted gift in your will and/or trust, use the following language:

“I give to Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (“LSSNCA”), a 501(c)(3) organization, Tax I.D. 53-0207407, having its principal offices at 1730 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Suite 712, Washington, DC 20036, the sum of \$_____ to be used for its general charitable purposes.”

To include an unrestricted residuary bequest in your will and/or trust, use the following language:

“I give to Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (“LSSNCA”), a 501(c)(3) organization, Tax I.D. 53-0207407, having its principal offices at 1730 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Suite 712, Washington, DC 20036, _____% of my residuary estate to be used for its general charitable purposes.”

For a designated bequest:

“I give to Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (“LSSNCA”), a 501(c)(3) organization, Tax I.D. 53-0207407, having its principal offices at 1730 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Suite 712, Washington, DC 20036, [the sum of \$ _____ or _____ % of my residuary estate] to be used by it for [STATE THE PURPOSE OR PROGRAM]. In the event the purpose for which this bequest has been designated or restricted can no longer be accomplished, I direct that it be used by LSSNCA for such charitable purposes as it shall determine and which to the extent practicable may be aligned with my initial intentions.”

LSSNCA does not provide personal, legal, financial, or other professional advice to donors or prospective donors. LSSNCA strongly urges donors and prospective donors to seek independent, professional counsel in matters relating to their gifts and the tax implications of the gifts. The organization also encourages donors to include family members in their philanthropic discussions.

If you have named LSSNCA in your will or trust, please let us know so that we can ensure your gift is used according to your wishes. Notifying us of your plans will enable us to prepare for the use of your future gift and to welcome you into LSSNCA's 1917 Society. If you prefer to remain anonymous, we will keep your name and gift in strict confidence.

To learn more about leaving a bequest to LSSNCA, please contact Nikki Salzman at 202-723-3000 or email development@lssnca.org.