Standard Bequest Language for Wills

If you would like to help build the long-term financial strength of [your organization] through our endowment fund with the Delaware Community Foundation but feel as though you cannot make a significant gift today, your solution may be a charitable bequest. A bequest under your will or revocable trust can complement your lifestyle and commitments today while supporting our fund at the Delaware Community Foundation tomorrow. Here are several ways you can write a bequest into your will.

If you wish to make a gift to the [your organization] Endowment Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation:

"I give the sum of $________ [or state a percentage of the residual estate] to the [your organization] Endowment Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation, a Delaware nonprofit and 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization."

If you wish to create a named fund at the Delaware Community Foundation to benefit [your organization]:

"I give the sum of $________ [or state a percentage of the residual estate] to the [your organization] to the Delaware Community Foundation, a Delaware nonprofit and section 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, to be administered as a separate fund in accordance with and subject to the governing instruments of the Foundation, the income there from to annual benefit [your organization]."

"It is my desire that the Fund established with this bequest shall be named the ______________ Fund, and shall be recognized as such in all correspondence, reports and materials related to the Fund."

To learn more about making a bequest to [your organization]'s endowment fund, please contact [your staff contact] or David Fleming, Senior Vice President of Gift Planning at the Delaware Community Foundation by calling 302.504.5224 or email dfleming@delcf.org.

Please note: This information should not be considered as legal, tax or financial advice. Consult your professional advisor for further information and guidance.