



## Leave Your Legacy

### Suggested Language for a Bequest in a Will or Trust

As you discuss your estate plans with your family, lawyer, or other advisors, it may be helpful to share with them the following sample bequest language:

**Specific Bequests** allow you to designate a percentage of your estate, a dollar amount, or specified assets as a gift to Foster Success Inc. A bequest to Foster Success Inc., ensures that the future needs of teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care on their journey to self-sufficiency are met.

#### Sample language:

I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ [state a % or \$ amount, or specific property or other asset] to Foster Success Inc located in Indianapolis, IN. My gift is to be used as the board of directors and leadership of the Organization shall determine best promotes and supports the future needs of the teens and young adults supported by Foster Success [or for a particular program or purpose].

**Residual Bequests** allow you to designate the remaining assets of your estate as a gift to Foster Success Inc., after the payment of all expenses and specific bequests to other beneficiaries have been made.

#### Sample Language:

I give, devise and bequeath to Foster Success Inc. located in Indianapolis, IN, all [or state a percentage] of the rest and the assets of my estate to be used for its general purposes [or for a particular program or purpose].

#### Questions?

Please contact Foster Success's Chief Development & Communications Officer Travis D. Tester at [travis@fostersuccess.org](mailto:travis@fostersuccess.org) or 317.917.8940.

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**Contingent Bequests** allow you to make a gift to Foster Success Inc., only in the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as the prior death of one or more of your named beneficiaries. For example, you can name Foster Success Inc. as a beneficiary only if no other close family members survive you.

Sample language:

If \_\_\_\_\_ predeceases me, I give, devise and bequeath [the specified property or their intended share of my estate] to Foster Success Inc. located in Indianapolis, IN, to be used for its general purposes [or for a particular program or purpose].

Foster Success Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, located at 546 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 206, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Foster Success's federal non-profit tax ID number is E.I.N. 45-5056874.

*This document is not and should not be interpreted as legal advice. Consult an attorney when preparing your estate and other long-term planning documents.*

**Thank you for your consideration.**

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