

## A BEQUEST COULD BE FOR YOU IF:

Long term planning is more important to you than an immediate income tax deduction.

You want the flexibility of a gift commitment that doesn't affect your current cash flow.

You want us to continue to fulfil our mission for generations to come.

### HOW IT WORKS

- Include a bequest to Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. in your will or trust.
- Make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to specific purpose.
- Indicate a specific amount or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.

### BENEFITS

- **Legacy:** Leave a lasting legacy for a cause you care about
- **Tax Benefits:** Can be deducted from the value of an estate, which can help reduce estate taxes.
- **Flexibility:** can be written into a will and updated or revoked in the future.
- **Efficiency:** can make settling an estate more efficient by providing clear instructions to the executor.
- **Support:** can help nonprofits reach their goals and continue making a positive impact.
- **Control:** Donors can control the size and timing of the endowment.

## WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

*Where there's a will, there's a way.*

Make a gift today that will impact our mission far into the future.

Remembering us in your estate planning will change the lives of future generations.

### RETIREMENT PLAN BENEFICIARY LANGUAGE

You may name Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (Tax ID #22-3136677) as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement benefits. Naming Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Keogh, or profit-sharing pension plan will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing significant tax savings. It can be costly to pass such assets on to heirs because of heavy tax consequences.

By naming Freedom Guide Dogs as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, the donor maintains complete control over the asset while living, but at the donor's death the plan passes to support Freedom Guide Dogs free of both estate and income taxes. Making a charitable gift from your retirement plan is easy and should not cost you any attorney fees. Simply request a change of beneficiary form from your plan administrator.

When you have finished, please return the form to your plan administrator and notify Freedom Guide Dogs. We can also assist you with the proper language for your beneficiary designation to Freedom Guide Dogs.



# Your Legacy Can Lead the Way





## OUR MISSION:

Freedom Guide Dogs provides guide dogs through "Hometown Training™" with people in the Eastern U.S. who are legally blind and may have other physical challenges. This service is free of charge. Our services enable clients to benefit from the assistance and companionship of a guide dog while continuing to meet daily responsibilities at home and potentially on-the-job near the end of instruction. Our staff and volunteers are committed to helping those who are blind or visually impaired realize their potential and remain or become productive members of society. By enabling legally blind people to make the most of their energies & abilities, we're ultimately advancing the quality of life in communities where our clients live and work.

## FIND OUT MORE


For more information on planned giving, our mission, the individuals we serve or for general questions or inquiries please visit our website or give us a call today!

Your legacy can lead the way for those with low vision.

## OUR CONTACT:



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## SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Types of Bequests:

- General bequests—gifts of property taken from an estate's general assets.
- Demonstrative bequests—gifts that come from an explicit source (such as a particular bank account).
- Specific bequests—gifts of property, jewelry, car or cash.
- Residuary gifts—gifts made after all the debts and expenses are paid, and other bequests are made. These are typically a percentage of the remainder; in some cases a share.

### RESIDUAL GIFTS

A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid. I give and devise to Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (Tax ID # 22-3136677), located in Cassville, NY, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real & personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

### SPECIFIC GIFT LANGUAGE

Naming Freedom Guide Dogs as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy. I give and devise to Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (Tax ID #22-3136677), located in Cassville, NY, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

### CONTINGENT GIFT LANGUAGE

Freedom Guide Dogs or its affiliates can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled. If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (Tax ID #22-3136677), located in Cassville, NY, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

