



Sample Bequest Language

A simple and easy way to provide for Joslin Diabetes Center in your estate plans is to name it as a charitable beneficiary in your Will where provision for a particular asset, a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the estate is specified. The following bequest language subject to the approval of your lawyer may be used in your Will, a codicil to an existing Will or a living trust.

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“I give, bequeath and devise to Joslin Diabetes Center, Inc., a Massachusetts charitable corporation headquartered at One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215, (_____% of the residuary estate / _____% of the estate/or the sum of \$_____) to be used for _____ (‘its general purposes’ or ‘diabetes research’ or ‘research for type 1 diabetes’ or ‘research for type 2 diabetes’).”

If the bequest is restricted, additional language approved by your lawyer should be considered. This language should make it clear that should the purpose for which the gift is restricted no longer exists at the time the funds are transferred, and that the Joslin Diabetes Center Board of Trustees is authorized to use this gift in an alternative way consistent with the general intent of the gift restriction.

It is recommended that you contact the Development Office at Joslin Diabetes Center to discuss a restriction you are contemplating adding to your Will before doing so.

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