

**Sample language for a bequest. Bequests may be further designated to a particular location or program. Please contact Blair Hearth or Libby Baldwin at 800-713-4980 for help with this.**

**Outright Bequest:**

"I give, devise, and bequeath to The Salvation Army, a religious and charitable organization with principal offices at 440 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and/or the securities or other property described herein, namely \_\_\_\_\_ for use in \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for \_\_\_\_\_...or for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Bequest of Residuary Estate:**

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property of whatever kind and wheresoever situated, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease, I give, devise, and bequeath to The Salvation Army, a religious and charitable organization with principal offices at 440 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994," the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and/or the securities or other property described herein, namely \_\_\_\_\_ for use in \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ or for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Bequest of Percentage of Residuary Estate:**

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property of whatever kind and wheresoever situated, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease, I give, devise, and bequeath as follows: (1) To The Salvation Army, a religious and charitable organization with principal offices at 440 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994," \_\_\_\_\_ percent, to be for use in \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ or for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Contingent Bequest:**

"In the case of the failure or lapse of any legacy or devise herein such that the property so bequeathed or devised would otherwise pass by intestacy (absence of a Will), I give, devise, bequeath any such failed or lapsed legacy or devise to The Salvation Army, a religious and charitable organization with principal offices at 440 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994, for use in \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ or for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Changing need:**

No one can anticipate the changes that may occur at The Salvation Army in the coming years. When drafting a bequest having a restricted purpose - and to ensure that it will always be of maximum use to The Salvation Army when it may no longer be needed for the express purpose designated - it is helpful to add an "alternative use" clause. Such a clause might read as follows:

"If at any time, at the discretion of the Trustees, this bequest shall no longer be necessary for the stated purposes, the Trustees shall have the authority to designate its use for another purpose that closely carries out my original intention."