

# Bequests



## A Powerful Legacy

Charitable gift planning ensures that you will make a lasting difference.

One of the easiest and most flexible forms of charitable planned gifts is a *bequest*, a provision in your will to benefit The Association.

*Demonstrate your philanthropic spirit as you select a bequest option that meets your needs.*

*Take your commitment to the next level.* Your generous support has already demonstrated your commitment to the mission of The Association For Community Living, and your belief that children and adults with developmental disabilities deserve the opportunity to live the richest, fullest lives possible in their communities.

*Bequests are a tremendous help* to The Association and those we serve. They provide you the opportunity to *continue* to support the mission you believe in, *even after your lifetime.*

*Establish a legacy for The Association.* Bequests allow you to establish a legacy for The Association and reduce any estate tax which might otherwise be assessed *while* retaining the use of your assets during your lifetime.

*Leave a lasting legacy.* Become an important part of The Association's present *and* future. Join *The Association For Community Living Legacy Society* by including a provision in your will to benefit The Association.

*There are several ways to include  
The Association in your will.*

**After providing for your loved ones you can**

- give a fixed dollar amount;
- give a percentage of your estate;
- give specific property such as stocks or real estate;
- make a contingent bequest -- a bequest that will come to The Association if a named beneficiary should predecease you;
- make a bequest of the residue of your estate--the assets that remain after other bequests have been fulfilled;
- make a bequest that provides life income to a loved one -- and then benefits The Association later on;
- set up a trust that will provide income to a family member with a disability in a way that will not reduce their governmental benefits -- and later benefits The Association.

*Securing the future . . .*

## Information for your Attorney

- The legal name of The Association is  
“The Association For Community Living, Inc.”.
- Sample bequest language for including The Association in your will:  
“I give (\$\_\_\_\_dollars) (a specific asset\_\_\_\_) or (\_\_\_\_percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) to The Association For Community Living, Inc., of Springfield, MA., for its general purposes.

Alternatively, if you prefer to designate your bequest for a specific purpose, we would be pleased to discuss options that best fit your interests.

*We look forward to hearing from you.* Return the enclosed Declaration of Intent, or for more information contact the Development Department at (800) 536-2910 or [donations@theassn.org](mailto:donations@theassn.org).

# *THE ASSOCIATION*

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