



Sample Will Clause Language for Legacy gifts

We are honoured that you would consider leaving a legacy gift to The Cridge Centre for the Family. We strongly recommend that you speak with your lawyer, notary, accountant or other estate professional, as well as with your family, to make sure that your wishes are clearly known.

For your convenience, we've provided a few examples of will clauses. Your lawyer or notary will help you adapt these clauses to best fit your needs in leaving a gift to The Cridge Centre for the Family.

Percentage gift

Should you wish to leave a portion or share (for example 20%) of your estate to The Cridge Centre for the Family, your lawyer can use the following wording:

"I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer _____ per cent (or share) of the residue of my estate to The Cridge Centre for the Family to be used for its general purposes."

Remainder or residue gift

You may wish to leave the remainder or residue of your estate, after paying debts and other bequests, to The Cridge Centre for the Family. If so, the following wording is appropriate:

"I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer the residue of my estate to The Cridge Centre for the Family for its general purposes."

Specific gift

When your bequest is to be a specific amount of money or specific asset to The Cridge Centre for the Family, use one of the following clauses:

"I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer the sum of \$_____ to The Cridge Centre for the Family for its general purposes."

OR

"I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer _____ [identify the personal property to be given, for example, 500 shares of XYZ stock ...] to The Cridge Centre for the Family for its general purposes."

Endowment funds

An endowment is a contribution where the original capital donation is preserved in perpetuity. Only the income generated (interest) from the endowment fund is used for the purposes outlined in an endowment agreement. To establish a general endowment fund use the following clause:

“I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer the sum of \$_____ (or ____ percentage share of my estate) to The Cridge Centre for the Family to be held in trust and kept invested, and the income from such sum shall be used for its general purposes.”

Designated or restricted gifts

If you wish to leave a bequest to ensure the continuation of a specific area of our work, you may use your bequest to establish an endowment fund or direct your bequest to one of the service areas of The Cridge Centre for the Family:

“I direct my trustees to deliver, pay or transfer the sum of \$_____ (or _____ percentage share of my estate) to The Cridge Centre for the Family to be used for the following purpose(s) _____. In the event that circumstances make the specific use of this gift no longer practical or desirable, the Board of Directors of The Cridge Centre for the Family is hereby authorized to make changes in its use consonant with the spirit and general intent of the gift.”

Please note: If you wish to designate your bequest to a specific purpose, we ask you to contact The Cridge Centre for the Family prior to completing your will, to ensure your gift intentions can be met. The Cridge Centre for the Family provides service to the following client groups that you may consider supporting:

- Brain injury survivors in The Cridge Brain Injury residential and community support services
- Children in The Cridge Childcare Centre
- Families with children with special needs in The Cridge Respite Resource Referral and The Cridge Respitality Service.
- Refugee and immigrant families in The Cridge Supportive Transitional Housing
- Seniors in The Cridge Village Seniors' Centre
- Women and children escaping relationship violence at The Cridge Transition House for Women
- Young parents in The Cridge Young Parent Outreach Program

For more information

If you would like more information about planning a gift to benefit The Cridge Centre for the Family, please contact Joanne Specht, Manager of Communication & Fund Development, at (250) 995-6419 or by email at jspecht@cridge.org.