SUGGESTED BEQUEST LANGUAGE

While the Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office is happy to provide the suggested language below, the hospital encourages you to consult with your attorney and family when making a bequest to Massachusetts General Hospital (Mass General). If you are considering directing your bequest to a specific purpose, such as to support a particular department, please contact, or have your attorney contact, the Mass General Office of Planned Giving at (617) 726-2200. Working together, we can craft language that will reflect your wishes and make a lasting difference at Mass General.

UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST

Medicine is a dynamic field, and Mass General is constantly evolving to meet new challenges. Many supporters choose to make unrestricted bequests that enable the hospital to meet emerging needs.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST
I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of $_______ to The Massachusetts General Hospital, a Massachusetts not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation having a principal place of business on Fruit Street, in Boston, Massachusetts, federal tax identification number 04-1564655, to be used for its general purposes.

SHARE OF OR ENTIRE RESIDUE OF ESTATE
I give, devise, and bequeath [all or percentage] of the remainder of my estate to The Massachusetts General Hospital, a Massachusetts not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation having a principal place of business on Fruit Street, in Boston, Massachusetts, federal tax identification number 04-1564655, to be used for its general purposes.

CONDITIONAL BEQUEST
If my [husband/wife] does not survive me, I bequeath the sum of $_______ [percentage of my estate, etc.] to The Massachusetts General Hospital, a Massachusetts not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation having a principal place of business on Fruit Street, in Boston, Massachusetts, federal tax identification number 04-1564655, to be used for its general purposes.

RESTRICTED BEQUEST
You can designate your bequest to support a specific purpose, such as research of a particular disease or a program at the hospital.

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of $_______ [or percentage of my estate] to The Massachusetts General Hospital, a Massachusetts not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation having a principal place of business on Fruit Street, in Boston, Massachusetts, federal tax identification number 04-1564655, to be used for the following purpose: [State the purpose.] If in the judgment of The Massachusetts General Hospital it becomes impossible or impracticable to accomplish the purposes of the gift, it may be used by the [State the Department] at Massachusetts General Hospital for an alternative purpose as near as possible to the designated purpose. If for any reason it cannot be used by the [Department], the funds will be used as determined by the Trustees of The Massachusetts General Hospital.