

## **ACS** Leave a Legacy

# Registered Charity Number: 11915 2692 RR0001

## **Gifts of Will - Bequest Language Suggestions**

Leaving a bequest in your Will is a great way of giving back to charities you support in a meaningful and impactful way. Amherstburg Community Services provides sample charitable bequest clauses for your reference and use. We advise that you consult your legal advisors, financial planners and family members when considering including any such clauses or other gifts to ACS in your Will.

### **General Bequest Clause**

This basic clause states that you wish to leave an unrestricted gift to Amherstburg Community Services. Any gift received would be allocated in the most appropriate and necessary areas of ACS, as determined by ACS.

I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_) to Amherstburg Community Services for its general purposes. I declare that the receipt of Amherstburg Community Services will be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

### **Specific Bequest Clause**

This clause states that you wish to leave a gift to Amherstburg Community Services, with the intent that it be allocated in a specified way. However, because this clause is not binding, ACS would be free to allocate this gift elsewhere, if the organization deems it appropriate or necessary. Please note, that ACS provides services that match the needs of the community – it may happen, and has happened, that the community no longer requires a specific program or service currently offered by ACS, resulting in ACS no longer offering said program or service.

Amherstburg Community Services is a not-for-profit organization that works to improve the overall standard of living and quality of life for local residents of Amherstburg, LaSalle, Harrow and McGregor. ACS specializes in providing services and resources that help improve our communities and support individuals.



I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_) to Amherstburg Community Services for its general purposes. I express the wish, but without creating any binding trust that if practicable this gift be applied to (state general purposes as widely as possible). I declare that the receipt of Amherstburg Community Services will be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

### **Contingency Bequest Clause**

This clause ensures that if the primary intention of your Will cannot be met, your estate will be passed on to ACS rather than unintended beneficiaries, including the government.

If (\_\_\_\_\_\_) does not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within 90 days from the date of my death, or as the result of a common disaster, then I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_) to Amherstburg Community Services for its general purposes. I declare that the receipt of Amherstburg Community Services will be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Please Note: If you wish to dedicate your gift to a specific purpose, program, or service provided by ACS, please contact ACS prior to doing so. This is to ensure that ACS will be able to carry out your wishes as stated in your Will.