

**Sample Charitable Bequest Language**

The following five clauses are standard. Please choose one. If you wish to be more specific, your lawyer or estate planner should draft the clause to meet your specific requirements.

**Specific, unrestricted:**

I give, devise and bequeath to the **C&O Canal Trust** the sum of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for any purpose(s) approved by the Board of Directors of the C&O Canal Trust.

**Specific, restricted with escape clause:**

I give, devise and bequeath to the **C&O Canal Trust** the sum of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the following purpose(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If the **C&O Canal** **Trust** is unable to apply all or part of these funds for the specific purpose(s) stated herein, **C&O Canal Trust** will redirect the gift to a new purpose that is as close as possible to the original intent of the donor.

**General percentage, unrestricted:**

I give, devise and bequeath to the **C&O Canal Trust** \_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate to be used for any purpose(s) approved by the Board of Directors of the **C&O Canal Trust**.

**General percentage, restricted with escape clause:**

I give, devise and bequeath to the C&O Canal Trust \_\_\_\_\_\_% of my estate to be used for the following purpose(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If the **C&O Canal Trust** is unable to apply all or part of these funds for the specific purpose(s) stated herein, the **C&O Canal Trust** will redirect the gift to a new purpose that is as close as possible to the original intent of the donor.

**Residual Contingent Trust**

Upon the death of the survivor of my (wife, husband, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and my (son, daughter, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I direct my trustee to transfer and deliver the balance of the residue of my Estate, including any undistributed income to the **C&O Canal Trust**.

***These are sample clauses only. Your lawyer or estate planner should always review clauses and ensure they are appropriate to your wishes, and comply with the law in your state.***