

## Free Wills Kit

By preparing a will, you can provide for your family and enrich the lives of others through a charitable gift.

A will is one of the most popular vehicles for making gifts through one's estate. For each multi-million-dollar charitable bequest you may have read about, countless other gifts are made by people of all means, in all walks of life.

To get started, ask for a Wills Kit, by contacting the Empowering Abilities

Development Office.





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If you have a person in your family who is receiving benefits based on their disability, some specific planning may be necessary to consider when preparing your will. To find out how you can help ensure the future of programs and services at Empowering Abilities contact our Development Office for additional information.

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# Will Bequests Made Easy





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563-391-4834 http://empoweringabilities.org For many people who want to see services at Empowering Abilities available for those who need them for many years to come, the decision to remember the organization with the gift of a bequest is a wonderful way to ensure the future of services.

### Ways to Make a Bequest

#### Giving a specific amount

Stating a specific dollar amount to be given through your will offers certainty as to the amount that will ultimately be put to charitable use.

"I bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_to Empowering Abilities, Davenport, lowa."

#### Giving specific property

You may want to bequeath specific property like a collection, artwork, a home, stocks, or a parcel of land. In the case of a home, vacation home, or farm, it can be left outright or a surviving spouse or other relative may be granted life estate with the gift being made after that person's lifetime.



Keep in mind that if you sell or otherwise dispose of the asset during your lifetime, an unintentional "disinheritance" may occur. Therefore, it is important to give directions as to your desires in the event the property you have bequeathed is no longer among your assets.

"I bequeath \_\_\_\_\_\_(specify or describe the asset. For example, 400 shares of xyz stock or my stamp collection or the property of 1234 Generous Street) to Empowering Abilities, Davenport, Iowa."

#### Giving a percentage

You can designate a particular percentage of the assets passing under your will to Empowering Abilities. This way, the amount of your gift will automatically adjust along with the total value of property passing under the terms of your will.

"I devise and bequeath 20% of my property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located, to Empowering Abilities, Davenport, Iowa."



#### All or part of "what's left"

Safeguarding the interests of your family and other loved ones should always come first. If you are not comfortable with the idea of leaving a specific amount or a percentage of your assets to charity, you might wish to arrange for a gift from the "residue," or "what's left."

In this manner you can assure that others receive what you would like them to have before any assets are distributed for Empowering Abilities. You may designate that all, specific amount, or a percentage of the remainder of your estate will pass to Empowering Abilities.

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Empowering Abilities, Davenport, Iowa."

