

# CHARITABLE BEQUEST



## Leaving a Bronco Legacy with a Charitable Bequest

Charitable bequests are planned gifts made through a provision in a will or trust. A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to make a difference that truly endures for the people and the causes closest to your heart.

Is Western Michigan University one of those causes? We can help you leave the Bronco legacy you envision.

### Your Sample Bequest Language:

Here's an example of how to word a bequest to benefit WMU for you and your attorney to review:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Western Michigan University Foundation, a qualified 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization located at 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI, 49008, Federal Tax ID #38-2138856, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (or a specific bequest of \$\_\_\_\_) to be used for Western Michigan University's general use and purpose (or a specified purpose, college, program, or unit).

### Greater Peace of Mind at No Cost to You

Don't have a will or trust? You're far from alone. Only 4 in 10 American adults have a will or living trust.



To give you greater peace of mind, the Western Michigan University Foundation has partnered with FreeWill, an online tool that guides you through the process of creating a legally valid will.

It's our gift to you! Plus, it's easy to use and can be completed in 20 minutes or less.

For your convenience, you can also download our free Estate Planning Guide at [WMUalumni.org/gift-planning](http://WMUalumni.org/gift-planning).

### Is WMU Already Included in Your Plans?

Sharing this information with us will:

- Ensure that your gift is properly executed to fulfill your intention, when the time comes
- Allow our staff to clarify any questions or further document your wishes
- Provide WMU the opportunity to recognize your generosity and welcome you as a member of the 1903 Society
- Inspire others to establish their own Bronco legacy

### BENEFITS OF A BEQUEST

**Revocability:** A charitable bequest is revocable. That means you can make changes to the beneficiaries of your estate throughout your lifetime.

**Flexibility:** This type of gift can be directed to any part of the University. If you ever modify your specific designation, please let us know that you've changed your plans, so we can update our records.

**Control:** When you arrange for a charitable bequest, you have access to the assets during your lifetime, ensuring that the funds are there should you ever need them.

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