Common Kinds of Bequest and Sample Bequest Language for Including Project SHARE in Your Will.

Below, we have listed some of the more common kinds of bequests, and some bequest language. We recommend that you carefully review the terms of your will with a professional trained in handling trusts and estates.

Please make Project SHARE aware of your bequest intentions by providing a copy of the section of your Will that includes Project SHARE. This will allow us to thank you and recognize you appropriately as well as providing us the ability to plan better for the future. Thank you!

General Bequest
General Bequests are legacies left to certain people or causes that come from the general value of the estate, and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice. Sample language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Project SHARE of Carlisle, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the sum of $_______ (or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of Project SHARE of Carlisle and its general purposes."

Specific Bequests
Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose. (i.e., instruments bequeathed to the local school district for use in music education; dollar funds to be used in the operation of a school or church). Sample specific bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Project SHARE of Carlisle, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the sum of $_______ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of Project SHARE to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of Project SHARE it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

Residuary Bequests
Residuary Bequests are made when you intend to leave the residue portion of your assets after other terms of the will have been satisfied. Sample residuary bequest language:

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Project SHARE of Carlisle, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for its general purposes."

Special Note
Without a will, there is no mechanism in place to make a bequest. Here are recommended steps you should take to make sure your wishes are granted.

- Make a list of organizations, including Project SHARE that you would like to support.
- Make a detailed list of your assets (financial, real estate, vehicles, jewelry, collectibles, musical instruments, etc.)
- Set up an appointment with your financial analyst or attorney, and Development Director at Project SHARE. These professionals will help sensitively guide you through the process.