

## THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME REMEMBERING BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS IN YOUR WILL

A charitable gift from your estate is a favored method of deferred giving that enables you to achieve your financial goals and benefit Bridge Over Troubled Waters for years to come.

Remembering Bridge Over Troubled Waters in your will (also referred to as bequest) is a wonderful way for you to make a lasting gift to support homeless youth. No other planned gift is as simple to implement or as easy to change should you ever need the assets during your lifetime.

### ADVANTAGES TO BEQUEST GIFTS

- **Easy to Arrange:** If you already have a will, it is easy to give your attorney simple language to add. If you have not yet prepared a will, it is simple for your attorney to incorporate gift language as a part of the drafting process, using the sample language we provide. A gift can likewise be easily incorporated into a revocable living trust.
- **Flexible:** If your circumstances change, you can always work with your lawyer to edit your will.
- **Control of Your Assets:** Perhaps you want to make a significant gift to support Bridge Over Troubled Waters now, but you are not in a position to draw upon resources you may need in the years ahead. A bequest allows you to make a gift while preserving your financial security during your lifetime.
- **Tax Benefits:** Although tax laws change over time and you should continue to consult a financial planner or professional, it is most likely that your beneficiaries will pay inheritance taxes on their portion of your estate. A bequest to Bridge Over Troubled Waters will likely result in a deduction in your taxable assets, reducing the amount of taxes that your loved ones will pay.

### THANK YOU

We are honored that you are considering making a planned gift to Bridge Over Troubled Waters. Your commitment to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth will have an impact for years to come.

Once you have arranged a gift, please let us know, as we would very much appreciate the opportunity to thank you and to make sure your wishes are appropriately fulfilled.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact **Melissa Cording**, *Director of Development*, at 617-423-9575 ext. 228 or [mcording@bridgeotw.org](mailto:mcording@bridgeotw.org).



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## HELPFUL INFORMATION: BEQUEST LANGUAGE FOR YOUR ATTORNEY

The following is intended to help you and your attorney in drafting a bequest that meets your individual interests. As you consult your attorney on the selection of appropriate wording to reflect your own goals and intentions regarding Bridge Over Troubled Waters, be sure the organization's correct legal name appears in all final documents as: "Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number: 04-2472126."

### General Bequest Language

A general bequest is a gift of a specific sum of money. For example, you plan to give Bridge Over Troubled Waters \$25,000. This may also include identifying a certain percentage of your estate to gift.

A general bequest of a stated sum of money may be worded: "I give to Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 04-2472126 \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my total estate or \$\_\_\_\_\_"

### Specific Bequest Language

Specific bequests are a gift of a specific item or items. For example, you give 1,000 shares of ABC Corporation.

A specific bequest of a certain asset from your estate may be worded: "I give to Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 04-2472126, \_\_\_\_\_ property."

### Residuary Bequest Language

A residuary bequest will be made from the remainder of your estate once all other bequests, debts, and taxes have been paid. For example, you give 25% of the remainder of your estate. This approach assures that your family will be taken care of before your estate makes a bequest to Bridge Over Troubled Waters.

A residuary bequest may be worded: "I give to Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 04-2472126, all [or a portion] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

### Contingent Bequest Language

A contingent bequest is a gift that will be made only if one or more conditions are met. For example, you give \$25,000 provided you spouse does not survive you.

A contingent bequest may be worded: "If \_\_\_\_\_ do/es not survive me, or shall die within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 04-2472126, \$\_\_\_\_\_ property, or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my residual estate."



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