



PLANNED GIVING THROUGH BEQUEST

Supporting the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation (TVMF) through planned giving reflects your commitment to the veterinary profession and dedication to improving the wellbeing of animals in Texas. Your legacy will be honored and remembered forever in the differences your gift will make.

What are the advantages of making a bequest?

- It is not payable until death, so it does not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime
- It is private – your will is not filed or made public until your death, and
- It is revocable – you can change the provisions in your will at any time until death.

What is the best way to include TVMF in my will?

When including a provision of TVMF in your will, you will want to make sure that your intention is stated clearly and that you have our correct name and address. It would be prudent if you or your advisor calls us before drafting the document to ensure that the information you are including is accurate.

Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation
8104 Exchange Drive
Austin, Texas 78754
Tax ID: 74-1983485

Here are some of your options:

- *How will your gift be used:* You may opt to designate a particular program at TVMF as beneficiary of your gift, or you may leave your gift to be used at the discretion of our Board of Directors.
- *What form should your gift take:* You may choose to designate that we receive a specific sum from your estate (for example \$5,000), or you may choose to leave a percentage of your estate (for example 5%).
- *What asset should you use:* You can give almost any kind of asset through a bequest, including cash, securities, an interest in real estate, tangible personal property, or the remainder of your IRA, tax-sheltered annuity, qualified pension or profit-sharing plan.

Sample Bequest Language:

- Outright Gift: I give (BEQUEST AMOUNT/PERCENTAGE) to the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Named Fund (gifts over \$25,000): I give (BEQUEST AMOUNT/PERCENTAGE) to the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation to be used to establish the (Donor's Name) Fund, the income of which shall be used to (determine specific use if necessary)

What if I have already written my will?

You can amend a will to make a gift without rewriting the entire document. Your attorney can prepare the simple statement, called a codicil that adds a new bequest to us while reaffirming the other terms of your will.

If you have or plan to include TVMF in a bequest provision, please notify us by using the Bequest Intention form so that we ensure your wishes can be fulfilled. To learn more about how you can contribute in addition to or through planned giving, please contact Casey McBee, Director of Development, at 512-610-6671 or cmcbec@tvma.org. As with any decision involving your estate plans, we urge you to seek the advice of professional counsel when considering a gift to the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation.