

Charitable Bequests

The most popular type of estate gift is a bequest. Most bequests come in the form of a trust or will. A bequest gift to MAZON is a promise now to leave a legacy in the future. It costs little or nothing to arrange, often allows for federal estate tax savings, and supports an important cause while still enabling you to provide for family and friends.

A charitable bequest may minimize your estate tax. For donors who are subject to estate tax, a charitable bequest could reduce the amount of estate tax paid. In addition, some assets, such as retirement accounts, are heavily taxed when left to heirs and may also trigger an estate tax. A charitable gift, funded with these assets, bypasses taxation and gives your legacy maximum impact.

Those who provide a bequest to MAZON may be recognized as members of our [Legacy Society](#), a distinguished group of supporters who have made a planned gift to fight hunger for those in need.

If you have already included a bequest for MAZON in your estate plan, please let us know. We would like to recognize you as member of the MAZON Legacy Society.

Bequest Language

Outright Bequest

An outright bequest specifies that MAZON receive a percentage of your estate or a specific dollar amount. This is the most immediate and direct type of bequest. It can be a percentage (50% for example) or a specific dollar amount (\$100,000, for example). Suggested wording is:

"I give, devise and bequeath to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, at 10850 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90024, the sum of \$ _____ or _____ % of my estate in support of MAZON's mission."

Residual Bequest

A residual bequest provides that MAZON receives all or a stated portion of your estate after all other bequests, debts, taxes and expenses have been distributed. Suggested wording is:

"I give, devise and bequeath to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, at 10850 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90024, all or ___ % of the residue of my estate in support of MAZON's mission."

Contingent Bequest

A contingent bequest is an outright or residual bequest that becomes effective only when the primary heir or heirs do not survive you. Suggested wording is:

"In the event that _____ predeceases me, I give, devise, and bequeath his/her bequest or share to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, at 10850 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90024, in support of MAZON's mission."

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is an IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) and our federal identification number is 22-2624532.

More Information

If you have any questions about leaving a bequest to MAZON, please contact: Sarah Pratter at spratter@mazon.org or by phone at (424) 208-7228.