

## Wills and Bequests Suggested Language

*Suggested formats for naming Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy in your will:*

You and many other individuals concerned about hunger have contributed to building Food First into an internationally recognized institution. Your gift via your will can insure that the long fight against hunger can continue beyond your lifetime.

You are free to designate your bequest to a restricted use. However, conditions and needs may change between the time you write your will and the time that Food First receives your bequest so it is preferable to make an unrestricted bequest.

### **Planning your will:**

The first consideration in planning your will is to your family and friends. All of the options presented below are legally binding arrangements. Legal considerations may vary from state to state. The fees to have a lawyer draft a will are surprisingly modest and the cost is well worth your peace of mind in knowing that your wishes will be carried out. If you choose to write your own will, you should have it reviewed by a lawyer.

### **Suggested wording to include in your will (\*):**

- Specific Bequest (For a bequest of a set amount or a certain property): “I devise and bequeath to Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy located in Oakland, California (insert specific amount of cash or a description of property) to be used for its work as the Board of Trustees may designate.”
- Residuary Bequest (For a bequest of the remainder of your estate after you have provided for others): “I devise and bequeath (insert either “all” or a percentage) of the remainder of my estate to Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy located in Oakland, California to be used for its work as its Board of Trustees may designate.”
- Contingent Bequest (For a bequest made only if your primary beneficiary(ies) do not survive you): “In the event that the beneficiaries heretofore mentioned are not living, or are for some other reason unable or unwilling to accept my bequest(s), then I devise and bequeath his/her/their portion to Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy located in Oakland, California, to be used for its work as its Board of Trustees may designate.”
- Restricted Bequest: “I devise and bequeath to Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy located in Oakland, California (insert specific amount of cash, description of property, or a percentage of the remainder) to be used for its (specific program).”

For additional questions, call, write or e-mail:

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***\*Please consult with an attorney in your state for proper language.***