



Sample Bequest Language for your will or trust

A gift to VIA through your will or living trust helps advance our mission to ensure anyone who needs a healthy meal can get one. A bequest is easy to arrange in two simple parts, it will not alter your current lifestyle in any way, and can be easily modified to address your changing needs.

Below is the sample language to help you make a gift to benefit VIA.

1. NAME VIA AS BENEFICIARY

Provide the name 'Virginia Institute of Autism' and our tax identification number:

I give _____(amount or percentage) to the Virginia Institute of Autism (VIA), a nonprofit organization located at 491 Hillside Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901, Federal Tax ID #54-1815297, for VIA's general use and purpose.

2. IDENTIFY WHAT YOU WISH TO GIVE TO VIA

The Virginia Institute of Autism can accept cash, stocks, and retirement funds. Select the statement that best fits your needs:

- _____ percent of my estate (provide a specific percentage)
- the sum of \$_____ (provide specific dollar amount)
- the remainder of my estate

CONTINGENT AND RESIDUAL GIFT LANGUAGE

If one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled Second Harvest of Silicon Valley can be named as a contingent or residual beneficiary in your will or living trust.

RETIREMENT PLAN BENEFICIARY LANGUAGE

Naming VIA as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, SEP IRA, Keogh, or profit-sharing pension plan allows 100% of your hard-earned savings to avoid taxes and be put to its fullest use to advance our mission – and is easy to do.

1. Request a change-of-beneficiary form from your plan administrator. You may be able to do it all online.
2. List Virginia Institute of Autism as a non-profit organization beneficiary using the Tax ID #54-1815297.
3. When you have finished, please return the form to your plan administrator, and notify us of your gift.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Every individual has unique needs and goals. Ask your legal, financial and/or tax professionals to advise you on how you can make a generous gift that is best for your specific situation. VIA is not engaged in legal or tax advisory service and cannot provide legal or tax advice.

If you have included VIA in your legacy plans, [please notify us of your gift](#), so we can thank you.

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