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The Westside HIV Community Center *Working together to fight HIV*

Making a Legacy Gift to Common Ground

Thank you for thinking of Common Ground while planning your estate or updating your will, trusts or life insurance policies.

For legacy gifts, we would suggest that you adapt the simple language below, using as many sections as appropriate, to include a simple giving direction in your estate documents. Of course, your attorney or planning advisor may have other wording or additional advice. *(If you don't have someone to help you with this, or would like to discuss your plans, please get in touch with us. We can also refer you to a planned giving specialist.)*

Your legacy gift to Common Ground is so important to our future; please let us know when you have made such a designation so we can properly acknowledge your thoughtfulness and generosity now.

Suggested Simple Bequest Language:

For a Cash Gift: “I give Common Ground, a non-profit California corporation presently at 2012 Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, California, the sum of \$_____ to be used at the discretion of its governing board.”

For a Percentage Gift: “I give Common Ground, a non-profit California corporation presently at 2012 Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, California, ____% of the residue of my estate to be used at the discretion of its governing board.”

For a gift of Personal Property: *(Vehicles, Art, Business Partnerships, etc.)* “I give Common Ground, a non-profit California corporation presently at 2012 Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, California, (list of specific items I own) be used at the discretion of its governing board.”

For a gift of Real Estate: “I give Common Ground, a non-profit California corporation presently at 2012 Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, California, (my property located at) to be used at the discretion of its governing board.”

To give the remainder of your estate, after bequests have been made to others, we would suggest that you include use the following language:

For a gift of Residuary Estate: “All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to Common Ground, a non-profit California corporation presently at 2012 Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, California to be used at the discretion of its governing board.”

Thank you again for remembering Common Ground as you make these important plans.