The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations, and become valued members of welcoming communities. Your legacy can make that vision a reality.

A simple way to establish your legacy is to designate National Down Syndrome Society as a beneficiary of your will and trust. You can designate a specific dollar amount; a particular asset, such as securities or real estate; or leave a percentage of your estate or the residual of your estate after providing for loved ones.

Sample Bequest Language

This information is not intended as legal, financial, or other professional advice. The language provided below is only to be used as an example. Be sure to consult with an attorney or other qualified advisor when making or revising your will or estate plans.

Residuary Bequest

“I give to National Down Syndrome Society of 1155 15th Street NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005, Federal Tax ID #: 13-299-2567 [all or ___ percent of] the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate for its general purposes.”

Specific Bequest


Donation of Real Estate by Will

“I leave the real estate described as follows: [property description] to National Down Syndrome Society of 1155 15th Street NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005, Federal Tax ID #: 13-299-2567 for its general purposes.”

For more information about leaving a gift to NDSS in your will, or any other legacy giving, contact: Sara Goldberg, vice president of strategic development, at sgoldberg@ndss.org or 301-801-0552.