

## Legacy Giving: Sustain A Home Within's work with a future gift.

# Legacy giving means:

planning future gifts to a nonprofit through a **bequest**. At this time, A Home Within welcomes legacy gifts for unrestricted support.



#### **About Bequests**

**Bequests** are gifts that are made as part of a **will or trust**. A bequest can be to a person, or to a nonprofit organization, trust, or foundation. Anyone can make a bequest—in any amount—to an individual or charity.

To make a bequest, you need to leave instructions, **typically in a will.** You can detail different types of bequests in your will and update it throughout your life as your family, priorities, and wishes evolve.

For property to be transferred in the event of your passing, your will must be **probated** or **legally validated**. Many states have improved the probate process, making it less expensive and faster.

**Without a will,** state law dictates where your property will go. Typically, it goes first to your spouse, then to your children, and then other family members. If you don't leave a will or have any living relatives, your estate could go to the state.

A **bequest** is a gift made through your will or trust. With a bequest, you can make a gift in support of A Home Within's future clients and volunteers and make a significant long-term impact. It is a flexible way to support A Home Within, and may lessen the burden of taxes on your family.

### Leaving a Bequest to A Home Within

#### Step 1:

**Consult** your financial or legal advisor, and **add** A Home Within to your will or trust.

#### Step 2:

**Draft and sign a letter** to A Home Within indicating your intention to include A Home Within in your will or trust.

#### Step 3:

Send your letter to **Reed Connell** at <u>rconnell@ahomewithin.org</u> or mail to:

195 41st Street, #11172 Oakland CA 94611

All bequest intention letters will be formally acknowledged upon receipt.

With your consent, you'll be named as a member of our **Legacy Donor Society**, and be recognized in our **annual impact report** and on **our website**.

#### Sample Language

I give to A Home Within, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 195 41st Street, #11172, Oakland, CA 94611, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose. The federal tax ID number for A Home Within is 94-3402610.