



Copper Kettle Society Estate Giving

Each year, many wonderful supporters of the AOCA tell us that they would like to do more for our mission, but they do not have the means to do so because they need their assets “for a rainy day”. But at the time of your passing, when those funds are no longer needed, they can be donated to the AOCA and used to improve resident training, offer new training options, improve the quality of meetings, and continue to improve the AOCA beyond which dues alone are able to do. Your gift through your will, retirement plan or life insurance policy helps to ensure our future. There are many ways to leave a lasting legacy through your estate plans. Best of all, the provision can be altered at any time as your circumstances change and will not impact your current lifestyle.

Gifts through Wills and Living Trusts

A will or living trust that includes the AOCA as a charitable beneficiary is no different than any other will, except that it includes bequest language to benefit the AOCA. Your bequest provision can take many forms such as naming the AOCA for a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of the total value of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after you have provided for family. We recommend you share this sample language with the attorney who is drafting your will or living trust.

Residual Bequest

A residual bequest benefits the AOCA with all or a portion of your remaining assets after your estate expenses are paid and your specific gifts to family have been fulfilled. Residual bequests increase or decrease with the value of your estate over time so that you do not have to continually update your estate plan as your circumstances change.

(Example) I give and devise to the AOCA, located in Springfield, Illinois, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used where it determines the need is greatest (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

Specific Bequest Language

A specific bequest allows you to make a gift of a set dollar amount or a specific asset for the AOCA. Specific gifts are used when you want an exact amount to benefit the AOCA or have a specific asset, such as books or collectibles, which you want us to receive.

I give and devise to the AOCA, located in Springfield, Illinois, the sum of \$_____ (or _____ asset) to be used where it determines the need is greatest (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

Contingent Bequest Language

A contingent bequest allows you to name the AOCA to receive a gift from your estate in the event one or more of the other named beneficiaries in your estate dies or cannot accept the transfer from your estate.

If _____ bequest cannot be fulfilled at the time of my demise, I give and devise to the AOCA located in Springfield, Illinois, her/his/its/their share to be used for its general purposes (or for the



support of a specific College or purpose. In the event this purpose is no longer practicable, then I direct that this bequest be used by the AOCA for a purpose as close as possible to my original intent).

In order to save your estate possible income taxes, if you have retirement accounts, savings bonds, or other assets subject to income tax at your death, we recommend including the following language in all wills and living trusts:

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts, bequests and devises shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes "income in respect of a decedent" assets, as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of my home state.

Note: Naming opportunities and endowments have various gift minimums which may change over time. If you wish to use a bequest to fund a named gift or endowment, please contact us for additional language to ensure we can use your restricted gift to carry out your legacy.

Retirement Plan Designations

For many individuals, qualified retirement plans such as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and Keoghs may represent a disproportionate percentage of their net worth. By naming "American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists (AOCA)" on the change of beneficiary form for your retirement plan, you can designate the AOCA to receive a portion of the funds left in the account at your passing.

Not only is this simpler than drafting a codicil to your will, it also has tax advantages. If your qualified plan assets pass to someone other than your spouse at your death, they may be subject to both income and estate taxes. For some individuals, this can result in more than

70% of the account's value going to the government in taxes. When the AOCA or other charities are designated as the beneficiary, no income or estate taxes are due at all! Similar to a bequest, you can also direct how the AOCA uses the proceeds from your retirement plan. For detailed information, please visit: <http://www.aocaonline.org/?page=CopperKettleSociety>

During Your Lifetime – Under Age 70½: We are frequently asked if it makes sense to take a distribution from a qualified retirement plan and use it to make a charitable gift during your lifetime. For those individuals under age 70½, there is little benefit in doing so. Your distribution is subject to income tax, which may then be offset by your income tax charitable deduction. However, other assets, such as appreciated stock or even existing cash, will likely produce a more tax-advantaged result.

During Your Lifetime-Age 70½+: The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows those individuals age 70½+ to transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to 501(c) (3) charities like the AOCA.

Life Insurance Designations

As you go through life, your insurance needs are constantly changing. Certain policies, for example, those you purchase to ensure there is enough money for children's education or to pay off the mortgage in case of an unexpected death, are often no longer necessary. You may find that you can use the remaining value in these policies for charitable gifts in support of the AOCA.



Beneficiary Designation

If you no longer need the entire death benefit of an existing insurance policy, consider naming the AOCA as the beneficiary of all or part of the proceeds. To do so, contact your insurance carrier and complete a change of beneficiary form naming “American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists (AOCA).”

Outright Gift

In some cases, if you own a fully-paid-up, existing life insurance policy that you no longer need, you may want to consider donating the policy to the AOCA. You benefit from an income tax charitable deduction for approximately the cash surrender value of the policy. We generally liquidate donated policies immediately and use the proceeds as you designate.