



# ASTARA

*BEQUESTS  
SPREAD THE LIGHT  
Planned Giving Program*

## TYPES OF BEQUESTS

### Specific Bequest:

ASTARA receives a specific dollar amount, or specific asset(s), such as a particular piece of real property, securities, or tangible personal property (such as art work, a stamp collection, etc.).

### Residuary Bequest:

ASTARA receives all, or a percentage of, the remainder of your estate, after the payment of any specific bequests and all estate-related expenses.

### Contingent Bequest:

ASTARA receives the bequest in the event of the death of other beneficiaries.

## ASSET OPTIONS TO BEQUEST

### Testamentary Trust:

This type of trust provides one or more beneficiaries with income for life, with all or a portion of the remaining assets to pass to ASTARA.

### Testamentary QTIP Trust:

This type of trust provides income, and principal if needed, to your spouse for life, with all or a portion of the remaining assets to pass to ASTARA.

### Retirement Plan Assets:

ASTARA is the beneficiary of your qualified retirement plan such as an IRA 401(k), 403(b), and or Keogh plans.

### Insurance Policy:

ASTARA is the beneficiary to receive insurance proceeds from a policy that names you as the insured.

### Donor Advised Funds:

ASTARA is the beneficiary to receive the funds remaining.

### Commercial Annuity:

A commercial annuity will sometimes have a remaining value at the end of the annuitant's lifetime. You can name ASTARA to receive all or part of this amount by designating it as a beneficiary.

## BEQUEST

Since our founding, ASTARA has derived significant and ongoing support from bequest gifts. For many donors, one of the easiest ways of making a significant gift to ASTARA is through a bequest in your will or living trust.

When you leave a bequest to ASTARA in your will or trust, you have the assurance of knowing your support will continue beyond your lifetime.

Your bequest to ASTARA can be made in the form of a specific gift of cash or other property, or a percentage of your estate. The latter allows more flexibility in planning.

## HOW TO INCLUDE ASTARA IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

You may provide for ASTARA by:

- Creating a new will
- Adding a codicil to your existing will
- Including ASTARA in your living trust
- Designating ASTARA as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or insurance policy

Your bequest to ASTARA may be unrestricted, designated for the general purposes of the organization as a whole.

It may also be restricted to a specific purpose, such as for the "ASTARA ministerial program." Generally, we humbly encourage our members and friends to make their bequests unrestricted.

## LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Unrestricted Bequest:**

An unrestricted bequest intended for the general purposes of ASTARA, and is especially helpful to ASTARA. This type of bequest is directed to ASTARA's greatest needs at the time it is received and may be expressed as follows:

*I hereby give, devise, and bequeath  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars  
or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate  
or \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_  
or all of the residue of my estate*

*to ASTARA, a California non-profit, Tax ID 95-1717002; for its general purposes.*

### **Restricted Bequest:**

Your bequest for a restricted purpose may be expressed as follows:

*I hereby give, devise, and bequeath  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars  
or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate  
or \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_  
or all of the residue of my estate*

*to ASTARA, a California non-profit, Tax ID 95-1717002; for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_, (for example, ASTARA ministerial program).*

### **Additional Suggested Language with Restricted Bequest**

If you are specifying a purpose for your bequest, please do so as broadly as possible, and avoid detailed limits and descriptions. Please also consider a clause in your restricted bequest to enable ASTARA to make good use of your gift should conditions change. We suggest language such as:

*If, at a future time, in the judgment of ASTARA's board of directors it is no longer practicable to use this bequest for its intended purposes, the board has the right to use the income or principal for a purpose they deem necessary and most closely related to the intent described herein.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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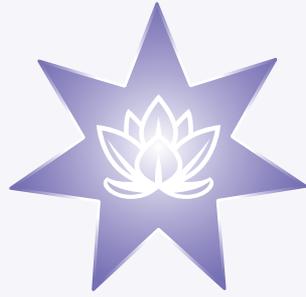
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## TAX DEDUCTABLE

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Tax ID: 95-1717002

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