



## ESTATE GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A gift through your estate to Boston University is a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy that will continue to strengthen the future of the University.

There are a variety of ways to make an estate gift to the University, including a gift of a specific dollar amount or a particular asset. Alternatively, you might wish to leave Boston University all or a certain percentage of the remainder of your estate after providing for family members and other beneficiaries. You may stipulate whether your gift is for the general support of the University, your school or college, a specific purpose or in honor or memory of another individual.

In addition to cash and securities, estate gifts to Boston University may include real estate, works of art, books, patent rights, or virtually anything of value.

### EXAMPLE FORMS OF ESTATE GIFTS

Please note that the information below is general in nature and is not intended to be legal advice. When making or revising your will, trust or other estate planning document, we strongly encourage you to obtain the assistance of a lawyer. Members of Boston University's Planned Giving Office will be pleased to work with you and your lawyer to ensure that your charitable intentions are clearly stated and can be implemented by the University. This is especially important if you plan to establish an endowed fund with your gift. The following are examples for making various types of estate gifts:

#### **Outright gift of specific property, personal property or percent of estate**

*"I give and devise ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), without reduction for any tax occasioned by my death, to Trustees of Boston University, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation having a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts, to be used or disposed of as the University (or School/College) in its sole discretion deems appropriate."*

## **Gift of a share or residue of estate**

*“I devise and bequeath [(all) OR ( \_\_\_\_\_ percent)] of the remainder of my property, without reduction for any tax occasioned by my death, to Trustees of Boston University, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation having a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts, to be used or disposed of as the University(or School/College) in its sole discretion deems appropriate.”*

## **Conditional gift**

*“If my [spouse] does not survive me, I give the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, without reduction for any tax occasioned by my death to Trustees of Boston University, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation having a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts, to be used or disposed of as the University(or School/College) in its sole discretion deems appropriate.”*

## **Gift of real estate**

*“I give and devise all of my right, title, and interest in and to the real estate located at (give address or otherwise describe property) to Trustees of Boston University, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation having a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts, to be used or disposed of as the University (or School/College) in its sole discretion deems appropriate.”*

If your gift is for a specific purpose, members of Boston University’s Planned Giving Office will be pleased to work with you and your lawyer to draft language in order to accomplish your wishes.

## **THE CLAFLIN SOCIETY**

Any estate provision you establish will qualify you for membership in the Claflin Society. Named for BU co-founder Lee Claflin, the Society recognizes and honors those alumni and friends who have provided for the future of Boston University through a variety of deferred gifts, including bequests. The Claflin Society numbers nearly 1,000 members and meets annually at special events. We would be honored to have you join this group.

**Thank you for your interest in supporting the future of Boston University!**

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