### **Questions**

# Should I leave a percentage of my estate or a set dollar amount?

All bequests, whether large or small, are greatly appreciated. If you leave a percentage of your estate, this will ensure that the value of your gift will not be affected by inflation. If you choose to leave a set dollar amount, you can specify the exact amount you wish to donate.

# I am the executor of a will/trust that includes a bequest to Recovery International. What should I do?

Please send a copy of the will/trust, and your contact information, to:

Recovery International 1415 W. 22nd St. Tower Floor Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Or call us at 312-337-5661.

### I've already included Abraham Low Self Help Systems in my will. Are you the same group?

Yes. In 2012, we changed our legal name to Recovery International. If you would like to leave us a bequest, we request that you please leave it to our registered name of **Recovery International**.

# Society of Dear Ones

The Society of Dear Ones was created to recognize those who intend to leave RI a bequest in their estate plan.

If you've already directed a bequest to us or are considering it, please let us know. It provides us with the opportunity to thank you and honor you for your generosity.

### Other questions?

If you need assistance with a stock gift, other planned gift or donation, or have a question, please contact us at 312-337-5661.

You may also designate RI as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, 40lk or an Individual Retirement Account.

### **Recovery International**

- www.RecoveryInternational.org

( 312-337-5661

# Making a Gift to Recovery International in Your Estate Plan





# Because RI has helped...

Making gifts to charitable non-profit organizations is an important part of many people's financial plans. Some people prefer to give during their lifetimes, while others choose to leave money to a charity as part of their estate plan. Many do both.

By including Recovery International in your estate plan, you help to ensure the longevity of the organization, making sure it is here for decades to come, able to help those who need and benefit from it.

Bequests and charitable trusts can also provide significant financial benefits for the donor and their loved ones.

### Why do I need a will or trust?

A will or trust ensures you're in control of your assets, and outlines how you intend them to be distributed to the people and causes you care about.



## **Options**

- Outright bequests, as well as certain bequests in trusts, may not be subject to estate taxes.
- The actual cost may be less than the face value of the gift because of tax benefits to the estate.
- Bequests can take any of the following forms:
  - Bequest of a dollar amount of particular securities or other property.
  - Residual bequest of all or a portion of an estate after payment of specific amounts to other beneficiaries.
  - A contingent bequest to take effect if other beneficiaries die before the donor.
  - A bequest can often be arranged simply with the addition of a codicil amending an existing will.

## Sample Wording

Simply take the following wording to your attorney or estate planner for inclusion in your will or trust.

#### **SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE**

"I give, devise, and bequeath \$\_\_\_\_ to Recovery International, Tax ID Number: 36-2041667. Recovery International may be contacted at 1415 W. 22nd St., Tower Floor, Oak Brook, IL 60523."

#### **OR**

"I give and bequeath to Recovery International, Tax ID Number: 36-2041667, all [or state the fraction or percentage] of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ face value bonds, or \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate."

Recovery International may be contacted at 1415 W. 22nd St., Tower Floor, Oak Brook, IL 60523."

(These are suggestions as to content and should be written or adapted by legal counsel to fit the contributor's individual situation.)