Sample Bequest Language

A gift to The Morton Arboretum in your will or revocable trust proclaims your confidence that we will continue to serve our mission of engaging artists and audiences in an evolving exploration of creativity. A bequest:
• is easy to arrange,
• will not alter your current lifestyle in any way, and
• can be easily modified to address your changing needs.

Residual Bequest Language
A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid:

I give and devise to The Morton Arboretum located in Lisle, Illinois, an Illinois not-for-profit charitable organization, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a program).

Specific Bequest Language
Naming The Morton Arboretum as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to The Morton Arboretum located in Lisle, Illinois, an Illinois not-for-profit charitable organization, the sum of $ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a program).

Contingent Bequest Language
The Morton Arboretum can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my passing, I give and devise to The Morton Arboretum located in Lisle, Illinois, an Illinois not-for-profit charitable organization, the sum of $ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a program).