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Sample Bequest Language

This language is only meant as a guide. Please seek professional advice before finalizing your bequest language.

If you plan to include the Center for Rural Affairs in your estate planning, you have two options regarding which entity to name. Naming the **Center for Rural Affairs** in your will or trust means a direct and immediate boost of funds to our *current* efforts. Naming the **Granary Foundation**--the Center's endowment fund--means your contribution will be invested in order to provide the Center with security and support into the future.

Specific Bequest: Make a donation of a **specific** amount or asset.

Example bequest language: "I give to the Center for Rural Affairs (or Granary Foundation), a Nebraska-based not-for-profit corporation that is recognized as exempt from tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with its principal office located at 145 Main St., Lyons, NE, the sum of \$XX,XXX to be used for its general purposes."

Percentage Bequest: Leave a **percentage** of your estate.

Example bequest language: "I give to the Center for Rural Affairs (or Granary Foundation), a Nebraska-based not-for-profit corporation that is recognized as exempt from tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with its principal office located at 145 Main St., Lyons, NE, XX percent of the total value of my estate to be used for its general purposes."

Residual Bequest: Take care of others first, and leave the remainder, or **residual**, of your estate to our organization.

Example bequest language: "I give to the Center for Rural Affairs, a Nebraska-based not-for-profit corporation that is recognized as exempt from tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with its principal office located at 145 Main St., Lyons, NE, [all or XX percent] of my residuary estate to be used for its general purposes."

Contingent Bequest: Leave a **contingent** gift that only takes effect if one of your beneficiaries predeceases you.

Example bequest language: "In the event of the death of any of the beneficiaries, I give to the Center for Rural Affairs, a Nebraska-based not-for-profit corporation that is recognized as exempt from tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with its principal office located at 145 Main St., Lyons, NE, (specific, percentage, or residual language as above).

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