



BERGIN UNIVERSITY of CANINE STUDIES

PLANNED GIVING FUND

Responding to the requests of our dedicated Board of Trustees and donors, Bergin University of Canine Studies has established a means by which we may receive bequests left by donors who name our endowed fund in their wills to help advance the human-canine partnership through research and education. The **Legacy Foundation of Bergin University** invites you to join us as we continue to break new ground in “Helping Dogs Help People,” as the only university offering masters, bachelors and associate degrees in dog studies. Your gift will help us to continue and further our exciting research into canine cognition, and human/canine partnerships. Through this research we find new and innovative methods to provide a loving helpmate to those with disabilities.

With the support of our committed Board and donors we seek to expand our work to provide well-trained service dogs to veterans with physical and mental disabilities, to work with educating at-risk teens and with people in need of social/therapy interventions in the community. We want to increase the number of puppies and dogs in training and have more space for them to exercise and play.

If you have visited our campus, you know that we use every square foot of our space for dogs, people and programs. Future growth plans include a new campus for our University.

One way you can ensure the future of Bergin University of Canine Studies is by establishing a planned gift to the **Legacy Foundation** in any of the following ways:

1. Bequests (wills)

- a) Charitable Bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. There are different kinds of bequests. For each, you need to use specific language to indicate the precise direction of your assets, and to successfully carry out your final wishes.

- b) General Bequests come from the general value of your estate as legacies left to specific people or organizations; these are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate.
- c) Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose e.g., equipment with a designated use, or funds to be used to support a particular program or goal, such as an endowed faculty chair at Bergin University.
- d) Residuary Bequests are made when you intend to leave the residual portion of your assets after the other terms of the will have been satisfied.
- e) Contingency Bequests allow you to leave a portion of your estate to a particular charity if your named beneficiary does not survive you.

2. Life Insurance

3. IRA or retirement plan beneficiary designations

4. Trusts

The amount of your contribution is unrestricted. What truly matters is your intention for the gift, that your wishes come true – to become part of the growth of the University, to enable a new way of seeing the human-canine partnership, and to provide independence and friendship to those with disabilities. From teaching dogs to read, to new methods of using scent-detection, help us in our academic and research advancement. **We believe the possibilities of the human canine partnership are limited only by human imagination.**

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Or contact your estate attorney to learn more about leaving a legacy to Bergin University of Canine Studies.