Advice on Bequest Language to Direct Your Gift to SCSSW

- To include Smith College School for Social Work in your will, please use this suggested language:

"I bequeath to THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH COLLEGE, a charitable corporation established by law at Northampton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of [dollars or percentage of estate], to be used for the School for Social Work's general purposes."

- To name Smith College School for Social Work as the beneficiary of part (or all) of the residue of an estate:

"I devise and bequeath to THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH COLLEGE, a charitable corporation established by law at Northampton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts all [or specify a portion] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed, however and whenever acquired and wherever located, to be used for the School for Social Work’s general purposes."

- To name Smith College School for Social Work as a contingent beneficiary, whereby you can make testamentary gifts to one or more individuals with the assurance that if any predecease the testator, that bequest will come to Smith College:

"If any of the above named beneficiaries should predecease me, I then devise and bequeath to THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH COLLEGE, a charitable corporation established by law at Northampton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all the property, real or personal, which said beneficiary or beneficiaries would have received had they survived me. This property is designated for use for the School for Social Work’s general purposes."

Although it is possible to designate a specific purpose for your bequest, the needs of the college change over time. We request that any specific purpose be stated as a preference, with the final determination left to the discretion of the trustees of the college.

Please contact the School for Social Work’s Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs to discuss the levels for endowed funds and to determine the best possible fit between your charitable interests and the School’s needs. The College’s Office of Planned Gifts and Bequests can also assist with questions about the various life income and deferred payment options that are available.