

Leaving a gift in your Will

A well-prepared, up-to-date Will is what you need to make sure your final wishes are known. Through your Will, you can ensure your family is taken care of financially, and make a significant impact on your community through your generosity.

We're here to help.

Making a charitable gift through your Estate can result in significant tax savings. More importantly, it's a way to support the causes that are important to you.

The charitable bequest in your Will can provide a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your Estate, or a gift of the residue (which consists of whatever remains in your Estate after gifts to your loved ones and all expenses have been paid).

You can make a gift from your Will directly to Toronto Foundation; to a specific Fund at Toronto Foundation; or to establish your own Fund at Toronto Foundation. When you establish your own Fund at Toronto Foundation, your donation is invested wisely, and the proceeds are directed to support your most important causes, according to your direction.

Sample Wording

The following Sample Will clauses provide a few options for charitable giving at Toronto Foundation through your Estate. There are many ways that your legacy can be structured. We encourage you to talk to your lawyer and family; and contact us to find out more.

Give where the need is greatest

At Toronto Foundation, we know our city's needs are constantly changing. Through our annual Toronto's Vital Signs® Report, we take a hard look at the biggest issues facing this city, and the organizations that address them head on.

If you want your legacy to have the flexibility to adapt to new issues as they emerge, and tackle them through impact granting, this is a good option for you. Establishing your own Fund with Toronto Foundation requires a minimum of \$25,000.

To give where the need is greatest:

To give [\$____ / ____ % / the residue] of my Estate to Toronto Foundation, (Charitable Registration Number 13649 1875 RR0001) to establish a permanent Fund known as the _____, the income of which shall be used for general charitable purposes aligned with the objectives of Toronto Foundation.

Give to the Charitable Cause Closest to Your Heart

If you have a charitable cause already in mind, but are not sure of the specific organizations you wish to support, Toronto Foundation can help you with that too. Our dedicated staff will identify which organizations are making the greatest impact on your cause(s) of choice. Establishing your own Fund with Toronto Foundation requires a minimum of \$25,000.

To give to any one or more charitable causes chosen by you:

To give [\$____ / ____ % / the residue] of my Estate to Toronto Foundation (Charitable Registration Number 13649 1875 RR0001) to establish a permanent Fund known as the _____, the income of which shall be used for general charitable purposes, having regard to my interest in _____ [insert one or more of the charitable causes important to you].

Give to Your Favourite Charities

Through your legacy, you can support your favourite charities, year after year, long after you are gone. We recommend that you contact us in advance to ensure that the charity's name is correct, and that it is in good standing. As we always work with the long-term in mind, should any of your chosen charities cease to exist, Toronto Foundation will select a charity with a similar charitable purpose for your bequest. Establishing your own Fund with Toronto Foundation requires a minimum of \$25,000.

To give to your favorite charities:

To give [\$____ / ____ % / the residue] of my Estate to Toronto Foundation (Charitable Registration Number 13649 1875 RR0001) to establish a permanent Fund known as the _____, the income of which shall be distributed to _____ [list designated charities or charities, & their charitable registration number] in [equal or other stated] amounts.

Give to an Existing Fund

Toronto Foundation is home to over 400 endowment funds, established by individuals, families, corporations, and charities. There is no minimum amount to make a gift to an existing fund. We recommend that you contact us in advance to confirm the proper fund name. You can see the list of all funds at Toronto Foundation at torontofoundation.ca/funds. There is no minimum amount required.

To give to a Fund at Toronto Foundation:

To give [\$___/ ___% / the residue] of my Estate to Toronto Foundation (Charitable Registration Number 13649 1875 RR0001) to be added to the _____ Fund [insert exact fund name].

Talk to us

We are happy to explore how Toronto Foundation can meet your needs. We're here for Toronto, forever, and hope we can help you leave the legacy you want.

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Thank you for your interest in Toronto Foundation!