

# Your Legacy, Their Future

## A Gift In Your Will

Many people choose to support important causes by naming a charity as a beneficiary in their Will. A charitable bequest is a gift made through a Will to support a cause that is close to your heart.

### Why Consider This Gift?

#### The Benefits to You and Your Estate

A legacy gift in your Will is an effective way to direct a donation to **Children's Health Foundation**. There can be tax savings for your estate as well. A gift in your Will can reduce taxes owing upon death and, at the same time, increase inheritances to loved ones.

#### Simple

A gift in your Will is easy to arrange. Ask your lawyer to include a gift to **Children's Health Foundation** in your Will.

#### Convenient

Your gift can be cash, securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds), life insurance, gifts of property, RRSPs, annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

#### Tax Relief

A gift in your Will is an effective way to reduce personal taxes owed on death, and those potentially owed by your estate. Children's Health Foundation will issue a tax receipt for the fair market value (or eligible amount of the gift). This receipt can be used to reduce the tax payable on your final tax return. We suggest you consult your legal and tax advisors for further information.

#### Peace of Mind

You can make changes to your Will as long as you are mentally capable to do so.

#### Meaningful

Did you know that a gift in your Will of 1% of your estate can make a real difference? This gift can be your legacy and help future generations of children and their families.

Alisha, age 6  
Organ failure



"Without Children's Hospital,  
Alisha wouldn't be here."

*Alisha's mom, Kathy*

## How it Works

Everyone should have a Will to ensure your wishes are met for your loved ones and other beneficiaries you wish to provide for in your estate. Without a Will, your estate will be distributed in accordance with provincial legislation. A gift in a Will is done by naming a charity as an estate beneficiary. One can choose:

- a specific dollar amount, or specific property, such as securities
- the remainder of their estate (residue) once all other commitments are paid **OR**
- a percentage of the remainder of their estate (residue) once all other commitments are paid.

**Children's Health Foundation** is the legal name of the charitable organization responsible for raising funds for Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre, Children's Health Research Institute and Thames Valley Children's Centre in London, Ontario.

You may choose to support one or all of these organizations in your Will. **To avoid any misunderstandings with your estate when drafting your Will, please use our full legal name and address as well as our charitable registration number:**

Children's Health Foundation  
345 Westminster Avenue  
London ON Canada N6C 4V3  
(Charitable Registration No. 11885 2482 RR0001)

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## Sample Wording

The following samples can be reviewed by the legal advisor drafting your Will.

### Specific gift

"I direct my estate trustees to give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (dollars) to **CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION**, London, Ontario, (Charitable Registration No. 11885 2482 RR0001) for the purpose of supporting the highest priority needs as determined by the Foundation. The receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of this organization shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."

### Residual gift

"I direct my estate trustees to give \_\_\_\_\_ % (percent) of the residue of my estate to **CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION**, London Ontario, (Charitable Registration No. 11885 2482 RR0001) for the purpose of supporting the highest priority needs as determined by the Foundation. The receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of this organization shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."

If you would like to designate your gift for a specific purpose and to ensure your gift can be used as intended, please contact:

**Ms. Vicki Hayter, Director, Legacy Giving**  
519.432.8062 ext. 9252 or 1.888.834.2496  
vhayter@childhealth.ca.

### Your Estate Planning Checklist:

- Talk with your family about your proposed wishes.
- Meet with a professional advisor to review your gift options.
- Meet with Foundation staff to discuss the impact your gift will have.

For more information on charitable giving at Children's Health Foundation, Please call 519.432.8564 or 1.888.834.2496, or visit [www.childhealth.ca/legacy](http://www.childhealth.ca/legacy).

