

Types of Legacy Gifts

Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is a gift specified in your will. It is an easy and effective way to support families navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders in British Columbia. You can designate a sum of money, a particular asset, or a portion of your estate. Whatever form your gift takes, the result is the same — more practical, meaningful support for families.

How to leave a bequest

To include a bequest to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation in your will, you should consult with a lawyer or notary experienced in estate planning. They can help you prepare a new will or add a codicil to your existing one.

Sample Bequest Language

Please carefully review the terms of your will with a professional trained in handling trusts and estates.

General Bequests

General Bequests are legacies left to certain people or causes that come from the general value of the estate, and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice.

Suggested general bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation, located at 4300 Still Creek Drive Burnaby, BC Canada, with the charitable registration number 72188 5291 RR0001 with the sum of \$_____ (or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation and its general purposes."

Specific Bequests

Specific Bequests are made when a particular item or property is bequeathed for a designated purpose. (i.e., instruments bequeathed to the local school district for use in music education; dollar funds to be used in the operation of a school or church.)

Specific bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation, located at 4300 Still Creek Drive Burnaby, BC Canada, with the charitable registration number 72188 5291 RR0001, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), for the benefit of West Coast Kids Cancer

Foundation to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose."

Residual Bequests

Residual Bequests are made when you intend to leave the residue portion of your assets after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Residuary bequest language:

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation, located at 4300 Still Creek Drive Burnaby, BC Canada, with the charitable registration number 72188 5291 RR0001, for its general purposes."

Contingency Bequests

Contingency Bequests allow you to leave a portion of your estate to a particular charity if your named beneficiary does not survive you.

Contingency bequest language:

"I devise and bequeath the residue of the property, real and personal and wherever situated, owned by me at my death, to (name of beneficiary), if (she/he) survives me. If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, I devise and bequeath my residuary estate to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation, located at 4300 Still Creek Drive Burnaby, BC Canada, with the charitable registration number 72188 5291 RR0001, for its general purposes."

RRSPs & RRIFs

You can designate West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation as a beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF).

These assets are highly taxed after the later of your or your spouse's death. By donating a RRSP or RRIF, you will offset the tax that would otherwise be payable on these assets by your estate.

In addition, legacy gifts of a RRSP or RRIF are not included in the value of your estate, thus avoiding probate fees.

Securities

Donating appreciated stocks or mutual funds is the most tax-effective way to make an outright gift during your lifetime or as part of a legacy gift.

When an individual sells an appreciated stock or mutual fund they are required to pay tax on 50 per cent of the capital gain. However, if you donate these securities “as is” to the Foundation, you will not pay any tax on the capital gain. The charitable tax credit you receive will offset tax on other income.

Benefits of making a gift of securities to West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation:

- A charitable tax receipt will be issued for the fair market value of the securities
- No capital gains tax owing if gifted to a public charity
- Satisfaction of seeing your donation put to good use
- A not-needed asset is removed from your portfolio and converted to a charitable gift
- Opportunity to create a lasting charitable legacy through estate planning

Your donation may be outright, providing funds for immediate use, or it may be planned now for a future date.

To make a donation of stocks or securities please [complete this form](#) with your financial advisor and send to [caitlin.mcbride\[at\]wckfoundation.ca](mailto:caitlin.mcbride@wckfoundation.ca).

How your gift will help

Donations to WCK make a meaningful difference in the lives of families going through childhood cancer and blood disorders every day. They make sure kids and families have access to food, resources, connection, and support exactly when they need it. Here are some of the things your gift can provide:

Food support that provides free, nourishing meals to families in the hospital and at home. These meals make sure that caregivers never have to make the terrible choice between feeding themselves and leaving their child's bedside, and families can access the food they need within minutes — any time of the day or night.

Connection opportunities that allow kids to be together in safe, welcoming environments. These spaces provide chances for much-needed social connection and confidence-building relationships through online and in-person programs. We include siblings so that they know they matter too.

Resources that make a difference. With customized adaptive clothing, caregiver sessions, and comprehensive resource guides, we give families the tools to make everyday life more manageable.



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Let WCK know that you have made a gift in your will

Thank you for including WCK as part of your legacy plans, we are so grateful. We would love to thank you and make sure you stay informed on how your gift will impact our organization. Please email Development Manager Caitlin McBride at [caitlin.mcbride\[at\]wckfoundation.ca](mailto:caitlin.mcbride@wckfoundation.ca) or call (604) 373-6646 to let us know your plans.