

“My wife Sharon and I treasure the richness that children bring to life and feel a personal responsibility to give. We chose to start a separate life insurance policy, naming Children’s Health Foundation as the beneficiary. It allowed us to plan and contribute a much larger gift to Children’s specialized health care.”

Vito Finucci, Legacy Partner In Hope and
Vice President and Director, RBC Dominion Securities

Steps for Legacy Planning

1. KNOW YOUR ASSETS

To start planning your legacy, you need to prepare a list of your assets:

- Investments (RRSPs or RRIAs, stocks and bonds, bank accounts and life insurance policies)
- Properties (primary home, vacation property)
- Other assets (business interests, antiques and jewelry)

2. CONSIDER YOUR NEEDS

When making your estate plan, consider your needs and those of your family. Do you have financial security for your lifetime? Who will be your Executor? Who would you choose to be guardian to any young children? Do you have trusted professional advisors to help you?

3. CONSIDER YOUR DREAMS

How would you like to be remembered? If you could change the world, what would you do? What organizations or causes have special meaning to you? Be sure to tell your family about your charitable giving. This will help them to understand what is important to you and help them share the joy of philanthropy. No estate is too small or too simple to make a difference.

4. MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR

Tell your advisor your thoughts so far. He or she can help to ensure that the type and timing of your gift maximizes the advantages to you and respects your priorities and values. Your lawyer can help you draw up your Will or make any changes that reflect your current situation.

5. LET US KNOW

If you include Children’s Health Foundation in your Will, we would love to know. Everyone who makes a legacy gift, a bequest in a Will or life insurance gift to Children’s, is welcomed as a Legacy Partner in Hope. In honour of your generosity and commitment to children’s health care, you will be invited to join us at special events and receive updates from Children’s on areas of care that are most important to you. You can also choose how you would like your gift recognized. All legacy information is held in strictest confidence and only those who provide consent are listed publicly.

We Can Help

Our team will work closely with you and your advisors, on a confidential basis, to help understand the best options for you and your family; ensuring that your legacy of care reflects your priorities and will have a lasting impact.

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

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Your Legacy Their Future



Alisha, age 6
Prematurity causing organ failure

A Part of Our Family

Rhonda Leaves Her Legacy

My mom found me lying exhausted at the bottom of our stairs when I was five years old.

There were only four steps but it was too much for me. She looked at me with concern as I told her, “Mommy, I can’t get up. I can’t climb the stairs.”

Immediately, she knew something was wrong.

It was 1954 at the time and I was taken to Children’s Hospital in London, which was located at South and Colborne Streets.

I spent the next six weeks at the facility battling rheumatic fever – a common cause of childhood death in this era.

Our Children’s Hospital has come a long way since I needed care and I’m so glad.

Although I’m grateful for everything the medical professionals did for me, it was a difficult experience that shaped the rest of my life.

Even though I was just five years old, I could only have visitors on the weekend, including my parents. My room had no toys or colouring books. The nurses would visit and I had my friend Mary Ellen in the next bed but still there were many lonely moments. Often, I felt scared.

Today’s Children’s Hospital is a whole new place with tremendous programming that puts the experience of the patients and their families at the forefront. They really help kids be kids, even while in hospital.

I’d never want anyone to go through what I went through. I want the children and their families to have the support they need when they’re facing life-threatening illnesses or injuries. That’s why I made a decision to leave a legacy gift to Children’s Health Foundation – to ensure special programs like Art Therapy continue.

It was an emotional decision for me.

I wanted to make sure I did something meaningful with the assets I’ve accumulated. I figured what could be better than giving back to the place that helped me so much?

Like many other kids, I may not have enjoyed a long life without the hospital – and now I get to help improve the care that Children’s Hospital offers.

Your Legacy Can Be a Child’s Future

You have spent your life carefully writing your story.

You’ve worked hard to cultivate the person you are and the relationships you have.

You have been inspired, motivated and touched by countless people, events and causes – making many fond memories.

But have you considered how you will punctuate your story?

By planning your legacy, you can

ensure your assets are directed in a way that is most meaningful to you – and most financially beneficial for you and your loved ones.

In fact, including a legacy gift in your estate plan can positively affect your current tax situation or that of your heirs.

If you choose to incorporate Children’s Health Foundation into your plans, you would be making a commitment to building a brighter future for children and families faced

with serious health challenges.

Perhaps you will direct your gift to an area of health care, research or rehabilitation that has special significance for you, or you might simply want to support Children’s highest priority needs. The legacy you leave should best represent you.

Arranging a gift is easy, just take the first step. See the back page to get started.

Ways to Make a Legacy Gift

Name Children’s in your Will

Making a bequest in your Will is the most popular way to make a Legacy Gift. It is simple to do. We can help, by providing you and your advisor with the information and sample wording you need. A charitable bequest can be a tax efficient way to provide for your family and still leave a legacy gift.

Make Children’s a Beneficiary of your Insurance Policy

You may choose to make Children’s the beneficiary of either a new or existing life insurance policy. Modest monthly premiums can create a gift that transforms lives. Depending on how your gift is structured, you could receive a tax receipt on the annual premiums or a tax credit to your estate.

Donate Stocks and Securities

Making a donation of publicly listed securities or mutual funds to Children’s is an easy giving option that also provides the opportunity for tax savings. You’ll see the results of your gift today, receive a tax receipt for the value of your gift, and be exempt from capital gains tax. Speak with your advisor to see if this is an option that will work for you. We can help provide the forms and information you need.

Make a Donation from your RRSP or RRIF

Another option you may consider, is naming Children’s as a beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plan or Registered Retirement Investment Fund. These are the most highly taxed assets in your estate. You don’t need a lawyer to make Children’s a beneficiary. Simply contact your plan provider. Your estate will receive a charitable donation tax credit for your gift and the funds are not subject to probate. Be sure to consult with your professional advisor to consider how this option may fit with your overall financial plans.

