



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

BC WOMEN'S
HEALTH
FOUNDATION



GIVING TODAY CREATES A BETTER TOMORROW

YOUR GIFTS TRANSFORM CARE INTO THE FUTURE



As we face the challenges and opportunities of the future, we know that your generosity will make all the difference in our success.

Your support through a legacy gift will help to ensure that our physicians have access to new developments in technology, that our patients and their loved ones will have the peace of mind that comes from the highest quality healthcare and that BC Women's Hospital will remain at the forefront of medical excellence.

Your support will also ensure that quality healthcare continues to be provided based on a patient's needs, not on financial restrictions.

When you support BC Women's Health Foundation with a legacy gift, you are making a difference in the lives of women, newborns and families across the province and investing in your financial future. The best gift plans also offer valuable tax benefits for your estate.

To design a gift that benefits the people and organizations you care about most, we recommend that you obtain the professional counsel of a legal or financial advisor who specializes in estate planning. We can work with your advisors to help you plan for tomorrow and receive maximum benefits today.

“ My hopes and dreams for the future of women's and newborn health is that it will continue to emerge as a really important part of what is provided as health care. I hope my legacy gift will be a large part of that.

Barb Hestrin
Legacy Donor





HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT IN MY WILL?

Have you put off making or updating your will? Maybe you think it costs too much. Perhaps you are having a hard time deciding how to leave your money or you may not wish to think about your mortality.

Drafting a will may seem like a daunting task at first, until you realize all the good that comes from it.

A bequest lets you pass any amount you wish to your charity of choice, free of estate tax. You can give cash, specific property or a percentage of your estate, with restrictions or without.

Most people choose to make one of two types of gifts in their will: residual or fixed sum.

A residual gift allows you to give a share or percentage of whatever is leftover in your estate, after you have provided for your loved ones, to charity. A fixed sum gift lets you choose a specific amount to donate.

If you choose to leave a gift in your will to BC Women's Health Foundation, there are just a few things you will need to include:

Legal Name:

BC Women's Health Foundation

Charitable Registration Number:

890267537RR0001

Address:

D310 - 4500 Oak St

Vancouver, BC V6H 2N9

To make sure your will accomplishes your goals according to your wishes, it is important to obtain the professional counsel of an attorney or financial advisor who specializes in estate planning.

AN ENDURING WAY TO GIVE

BC WOMEN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION PAST BOARD CHAIR JENNIFER RANDALL NELSON'S STORY

Giving back was inspired by Jennifer's own experience at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre. In 2010, Jennifer's daughter Lily was born prematurely at 31 weeks and was immediately rushed to the NICU where she stayed for nine weeks receiving life-saving care.

"Knowing that the best doctors and nurses were there managing her care gave us such peace of mind." said Jennifer. "It was a stressful time for our family, but I felt fortunate to live 15 minutes away, which made it easier for us to come and spend time with her each day."



“ It struck me that we have really good healthcare in BC, but for some patient families, circumstances were disheartening. I thought surely we can do better. ”

Jennifer Randall Nelson
Past BCWHF Board Chair



During that critical time, Jennifer got to know other families with babies in the BCWH NICU, including one family facing incredibly difficult circumstances. The family lived far outside the Metro Vancouver area and Jennifer was stunned to learn that due to the financial hardship of travel and accommodation, the mom was forced to live in a camper van in the parking lot of the hospital.

The experience has inspired Jennifer's donations to BC Women's Health Foundation over the years and ultimately prompted her to leave a legacy gift to the Foundation. "There is an enormous list of

health issues and challenges women can face in their lifetime, many of which happened during their most vulnerable moments in pregnancy and postpartum. And that's why I felt it was important to invest in women's healthcare by leaving a legacy gift."

A legacy gift left through your will or estate plan (cash, securities, life insurance or other assets) creates a lasting impact for generations to come for the women across our province, ensuring that women will continue to receive the highest quality healthcare.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I need a will?

A will is a legally binding document that lets you decide who will receive your property upon your death. If you do not have a will, you die intestate and government legislation will determine how your property is distributed.

Can a charity be a beneficiary in my will?

Yes! The only way to control how your estate is distributed is by naming beneficiaries in your will. Registered charities can also be named as a beneficiary, with tax advantages for your estate. A gift in your will is your final opportunity to make a lasting gift to a cause you care about.

If I choose to make a legacy gift, do I need to disclose the details?

No. You don't have to disclose any details about your gift. However, by notifying BC Women's Health Foundation of your intention to leave a gift, the Foundation can then thank and recognize your generosity. It also allows the Foundation to plan for future projects and programs. Any information you share remains strictly confidential.

Tip: When making a gift to charity, always remember to include the charity's full legal name and charitable registration number.

Can I designate my gift to an area of the hospital most important to me?

Your gift can be directed to a specific area or to the hospital's highest priority needs. We can help you with appropriate wording to ensure your gift is used as you wish and directed to the fund or area you have chosen to support.

If a gift in your will feels like it might be the right choice for you or if you'd like more information, please get in touch. You'll be under no obligation and our conversation will remain completely confidential. Speak with Lisa Shearer, your contact for legacy giving. Lisa can be reached by phone or email: 604-970-4373 lisa.shearer@bcwomensfoundation.org

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Legacy giving is both rewarding and beneficial both for us as a family building our legacy and to the charity.

Duncan Robinson
Legacy Donor

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I have been inspired to leave a legacy gift to BC Women's Health Foundation because I believe in and support the overall health care for women and newborns... I am a very proud legacy donor.

Lynn Zhang
Legacy Donor

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