

Gift in Your Will

A charitable gift in your Will is a meaningful way to support the Canadian Wildlife Federation and live out profound Canadian values. A charitable **Legacy Gift**, also called a planned gift or future gift, is a direction in your Will that instructs your Executor(s)/Trustee(s) to leave one or more of your assets to a charitable organization. Leaving a Legacy Gift in your Will is easy and can help ensure your loved ones are cared for, your estate is protected, and the gift you wish to make to CWF is fulfilled.

Benefits to You

- **Simple** – A Legacy Gift in a Will is easy to arrange. Simply instruct your lawyer to include a future gift to the Canadian Wildlife Federation.
- **Convenient** – A Legacy Gift in a Will can be made no matter how old you are and can be for any amount you wish.
- **Flexible** – Your Legacy Gift can be for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate – a gift after your debts have been paid and other gifts have been made.
- **Tax planning** – A Legacy Gift in a Will is a highly effective way to reduce taxes for your estate. CWF issues a charitable tax receipt for the full value of your Legacy Gift. This receipt can be used to reduce the tax payable on your final tax return. If your Legacy Gift exceeds 100 per cent of your net income, the excess may be carried back to the previous tax year or forward as part of a Graduated Rate Estate plan.
- **Peace of mind** – You can make changes to your Will at any time.

The easiest way to have the greatest impact in meeting CWF's future needs is to make an unrestricted gift. It will be used for the most pressing need at the time to protect at-risk and vulnerable wildlife and habitat. However, if you wish to designate your gift for a specific use, we are happy to discuss that option with you.

Canadian Wildlife Circle

Completing a Legacy Giving Commitment Form is a definitive act that will inform us that you have created a Legacy Gift in your Will and offer you an opportunity to join the Canadian Wildlife Circle. The Canadian Wildlife Circle honours CWF donors who have made the decisive act to conserve Canadian wildlife, its habitat and the societal benefits of a healthy environment far into the future. Members of the Canadian Wildlife Circle receive a lifetime subscription to one of our wildlife magazines and are recognized annually in our publications.

Professional Advice

CWF strongly recommends that you seek professional insurance and legal advice to ensure that your family and financial goals are considered, your tax credit goals are reviewed, and your Legacy Gift is tailored to your circumstances. CWF also recommends that you consult your lawyer or estate planner regarding the specific wording of any future gift.



Sample Charitable Gift Clauses

These are sample clauses only. Your lawyer or estate planner should review any wording.

Specific Gift when you wish to leave a specific amount:

I direct my Trustees to pay or transfer the sum of \$ _____ to the Canadian Wildlife Federation to be used for the general purposes of the charity.

Residual Gift when you wish to leave a portion of your estate:

I direct my Trustees to pay or transfer _____ per cent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to the Canadian Wildlife Federation to be used for the general purposes of the charity.

Gift of RRSPs or RRIFs:

I direct my Trustees to pay or transfer _____ per cent of my RRSP/RRIF proceeds to the Canadian Wildlife Federation to be used for the general purposes of the charity.

Specific Asset:

If, at the time of my death, I am still the registered owner of (number and name of shares), I direct my Trustees to pay and transfer such shares to the Canadian Wildlife Federation to be used for the general purposes of the charity.

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