

The next 100 years start with you: Leave a gift in your will today

Why a gift in your will matters to Island kids

Like you, we believe every Island child should have access to life-changing health care. For nearly a century, our caring donors have assisted us in supporting Island with complex health needs. Together, we can ensure that children across Vancouver Island and surrounding islands have the essential care they need – today and for the next 100 years.

By including Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island in your estate plans, you are building a foundation that will benefit future generations, ensuring island kids have access to specialized equipment and care when they need it most.

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Tips to consider before meeting with an advisor

- **Create your lists:** Make an inventory of your assets, property, investments and savings, personal valuables or collections, and any charitable organizations you wish to support.
- **Consider your loved ones:** Think about how you'd like to support family, friends, and the charitable causes that matter most. Be sure to share your intentions with loved ones to help avoid misunderstandings and conflicts down the road.
- **Provide beneficiary details:** Include full names, addresses, and the charitable registration numbers for any charities you wish to support. For reference:
Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island
345 Wale Road, Victoria BC V9B 6X2
Charitable Registration # **89863 8291 RR0001**
- **Choose your executor:** Decide who will manage your estate and carry out your wishes. This could be a family member, friend, or professional advisor. Choose someone capable, trustworthy, and willing to take on the role. Consider naming an alternate executor as a backup.
- **Keep your will updated:** Review your will regularly, especially after major life changes. A codicil is a simple and cost-effective way to make minor changes to your existing will without rewriting the whole document.

Ways to make a meaningful gift in your estate plan

- **Bequests:** A gift in your will (residuary or cash bequest) is the simplest way to provide a healthy future for Island children and families. Your estate will receive a tax receipt for the full value of your gifts. You can include a simple statement that ensures your wishes are clearly defined, like:

"I give [amount, percentage, or remainder of my estate] to Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Charitable Registration Number 89863 8291 RR0001, to support the Foundation's mission."
- **Life insurance:** When you name our Foundation as a beneficiary or owner of a life insurance policy, you make a substantial contribution while providing your estate with potentially significant tax benefits.
- **RRSPs and RRIFs:** From an estate planning perspective, registered funds are one of the most heavily taxed assets in Canada. By naming our Foundation as a beneficiary on your RRSP or RRIF, you can donate all or a portion of your retirement savings. This can reduce taxes on your estate while making a meaningful gift.
- **Other planned gifts:** You can leave stocks, bonds, or even property to the Foundation. Your advisor can guide you through the options.



"Some people think that leaving a legacy is reserved for only the wealthy. Even if somebody leaves \$500 or something, it all adds up. Your gift does matter."

-Beth Jasper, CHFVI legacy donor



Join our Legacy Circle: By leaving a gift in your will, you'll join our Legacy Circle, a community of donors dedicated to ensuring a brighter future for Island kids.

To learn more about how your legacy can impact the next generation of children, visit islandkidsfirst.com/legacy or contact us at legacy@islandkidsfirst.com.

You can make sure the future is bright. Remember Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island in your estate plan.

Disclaimer: Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island encourages all donors to consult with their professional advisors before making any gift planning decisions.