

# GIFTS IN WILL

**GIFTS IN WILL (OR BEQUESTS) ARE A COMMON METHOD OF PROVIDING A FUTURE GIFT WHILE RETAINING CONTROL OF YOUR ASSETS DURING YOUR LIFETIME.**

A gift in your will is a simple and impactful way of giving. Your gift ensures that you will leave a legacy that reflects your values and makes a lasting impact on the well-being of future generations of children. Through a gift in your will, you can help us transform the future of child health.

## WHY SICKKIDS

SickKids treats everything from broken arms and appendicitis to rare brain cancers and congenital heart defects. Every year, some 100,000 patients come to us from across the province, country and even the world for specialized care, while our scientists are making important medical discoveries every day. For all our triumphs—clinical and research—legacy gifts have been instrumental, helping create our storied research institute, where scientists created Pabulum, discovered the CF gene, and continue to crack the code of childhood cancers and heart disease. Legacy gifts have enabled SickKids to be Ontario's go-to hospital for intensive care, organ transplants, and complex heart surgeries. It is because of our donors that we have grown from a community hospital to a global leader in child health—the root of lifelong health.

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## THE ADVANTAGE OF LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Through your will, you can choose to leave SickKids Foundation a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate, or a specific piece of property. It allows you to leave a larger gift to SickKids than would be possible during your lifetime.

### Other benefits include:

- Providing a future commitment while retaining control of your assets during your lifetime
- A charitable tax receipt to your estate
- Reduction or elimination of estate taxes through careful planning
- An opportunity to honour yourself or a loved one
- Recognition through the J.P. Bickell Society

## THREE SIMPLE STEPS

1. Speak to your lawyer about drafting or revising your will, an essential step to protect your family's future and to ensure that your assets are distributed according to your intentions.

2. Include the appropriate bequest wording in your will. Our Gift & Estate Planning team can provide will wording based on your area of interest. Sample wording could be:

*"My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% of residue of my estate (or transfer assets with an equal value) to The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, Toronto, Ontario for the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs."*

*Charitable Business #108084419RR0001.*

3. Contact us to let us know about your bequest so we can ensure that your wishes are understood and honoured, say thank you, and invite you to join our J.P. Bickell Society.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In November 1974, Rosemarie and Colman de Souza's son Russell was born at six months gestation. He was just two-and-a-half pounds and very sick. He was rushed to SickKids, where he received intensive neonatal care, and later developed a common premie condition called retrolental fibroplasia, which caused blindness. (He would regain his sight much later.) Little Russell spent the better part of his first year (and even his first birthday) at SickKids. Throughout that stressful time, Rosemarie and Colman, like many SickKids parents, felt immense respect for the medical team. "They cared for Russell like he was their own, and comforted and encouraged us on days when there seemed to have been no hope at all," Rosemarie recalls. "And we thought, other people's donations and countless prayers gave us our son—now it is our turn." Thirty years later, the de Souzas are still donors—and will continue to be. "We have only one son," says Colman. **"We believe that if it wasn't for SickKids, we wouldn't even have this one child. So we felt that SickKids certainly merits being remembered in our will."**