Medicine Hat Health Foundation

30 Anniversary

July Quarterly Newsletter 2026: Your Legacy Gift

"Our Foundation is the one charity that gives back to everyone in our community. Leaving a legacy to healthcare is my way of quietly expressing my gratitude.

The Medicine Hat Regional Hospital is the lifeline of our city and the region. Healthy people create a prosperous community."

– Heather Bach, Executive Director

Your Legacy Gift is a way for you to preserve your values and perpetuate your story. With no immediate cost to you and capable of lowering or even eliminating taxes owed in your estate, leaving a Legacy Gift in your will is a popular act of generosity.

Your legacy will live on through the Medicine Hat Health Foundation, and you will continue to make an impact on the cause that matters the most to you.

Let's Talk About Legacy Giving

Legacy Giving – also known as estate planning or a bequest – is a donation of assets, rather than income or revenue, as laid out in a donor's will or estate plan. Most Canadians are eligible for this type of giving, with stipulations made for desired causes and financial flexibility.

When you leave a legacy gift through your will, your estate receives a tax receipt for the full value of the gift, which adds a tax credit to your final income tax return. This can help to maximize the value of your residual estate for your beneficiaries.

You can make either a residual or defined gift in your will. For instance, you can leave $10,000, or 10% of your estate.

You don't need to have a large estate to leave a legacy gift. A small percentage of your estate goes a long way!

Reach out to our Foundation to become a Legacy Giver:
(403) 528-8133 info@ourhealthfoundation.ca

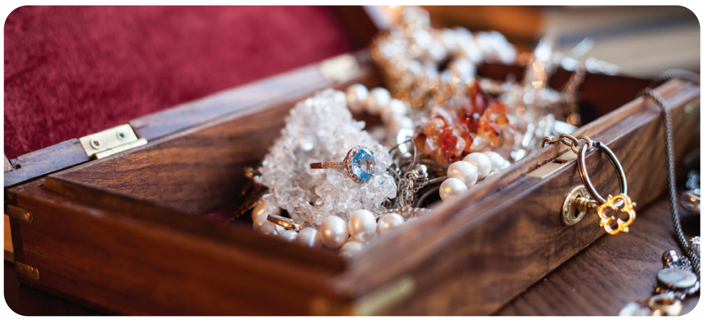
Some Facts About Legacy Giving

- **$4.5M**
  Received in Legacy Gifts since 1996
- **$49,104.31**
  Average Legacy Giving Gift
- **93**
  Total Legacy Gifts Received
- **90%**
  of Canadians Have a Will by Age 75
- **1/3**
  of Canadians are interested in leaving a gift in their will.

Methods of Giving

"I've seen the impact our community of donors makes on the lives of patients at our hospital. From updates that transform spaces to feel more like home to having life-saving equipment, every little bit counts and is immensely appreciated by our patients, our staff, and our community."

– Dr. Duncan McCubbin, Obstetrics and Gynecology



Gifts in Kind

Referring to tangible assets like real estate, vehicles, jewelry, artwork, and other valuables, gifts-in-kind can be donated in your will and either used by our Foundation or sold to raise funds. When you donate, a receipt is issued for the fair market value (determined by independent evaluators).

Bequest In Your Will

You can bequeath partial or full assets like property, cash, or securities, and choose whether your gift is restricted or unrestricted in its final allocation.

Securities

When you leave securities like stocks, mutual funds, and bonds in a will, capital gains taxes you would pay upon sale and donation are eliminated and you receive a charitable tax receipt as well.

Charitable Annuities

This arrangement enables a charitable gift to our Foundation, while also ensuring you (and your surviving partner, if applicable) receive guaranteed income for life. Discuss with your financial planner to learn more about the tax benefits.

Gifting Life Insurance

Donating existing or new life insurance benefits turns your small monthly premium into a major contribution. Talk with your financial planner to set up a lasting gift for the future while enjoying tax benefits today.

Retirement Funds

You can designate our Foundation as the beneficiary of retirement funds like RRSPs and RRIFs. You retain ownership of your funds for now, but your estate will benefit from a correlated tax receipt later, whether you donate a portion or the entirety of your funds.