“I consider my years with the Council and its membership to be an important part of the footprint I’ll leave behind in this world. I feel joy in the knowledge that, in my own small way, I’ve contributed to humanity’s future to the best of my ability.”

– Maude Barlow, Honorary Chairperson, The Council of Canadians

What is a legacy gift?

A legacy gift is one that you plan today to benefit The Council of Canadians tomorrow. It is a simple yet powerful way to carry forward your support for the Council’s work while making a lasting statement about what truly matters to you. The most common legacy gifts people leave to the Council are a gift in their will, a gift of life insurance, or an endowed gift.

A gift in your will

This type of gift is known as a bequest. It can be a specific sum of money, or a portion of the remainder of your estate, or a specific piece of property, such as a home or securities. A bequest allows you to retain full control and make changes at any time should your circumstances change. Planning your legacy gift can be as simple as adding one line to a new or existing will.

Here is a sample of bequest language that can be used in your will:

“I give to The Council of Canadians [462 Bank Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X6] —% of the residue of my estate (or the sum of $——) to be used for its general purposes.

A gift of life insurance

A gift of life insurance allows you to potentially make a substantially larger gift than you may have ever thought possible. If you have an individual or group policy that is no longer serving its intended purpose, you may consider changing the beneficiary designation to The Council of Canadians.

Establishing an endowed gift

The Maude Barlow Social Justice Fund was launched in 2012 as the permanent endowment for The Council of Canadians. Legacy gifts that are designated to this endowment fund can be both drawn upon to meet urgent calls to action and held in perpetuity to ensure the Council is able to remain effective on the front lines of social justice for generations to come.

Please consider the following sample language in designating your legacy gift to be endowed:

“I give to The Council of Canadians [462 Bank Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X6] (the sum of $——) to be directed to The Maude Barlow Social Justice Fund.”

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These goals are our compass for activism. They are the pillars of who we are, what we do and why we exist. In leaving a legacy gift with The Council of Canadians, you empower future generations with the means and hope to bring about the better Canada we know is possible.

Thank you

Please note: Due to our strong advocacy role The Council of Canadians cannot issue tax receipts for donations. We encourage you to obtain independent legal or financial advice to determine which gift option is best for you.

Reply Form

To request more information on legacy giving please complete this form and mail it to The Council of Canadians 200-240 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X4, or call 1-800-387-7177 ext. 244, or email Hélène Bertrand, Major and Legacy Gifts Officer, at hbertrand@canadians.org

☐ I have arranged a gift for The Council of Canadians.

Name: ..................................................................................................................

Address: ...........................................................................................................

City: __________________________ Province: __________________________ Postal code: __________

Telephone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

I would like more information about: ☐ Bequests ☐ Gifts of life insurance ☐ The Maude Barlow Social Justice Fund ☐ Other: __________________________

I prefer to be contacted by: ☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Phone

Lucie’s legacy gift to The Council of Canadians is a part of her footprint on this world, and the small mark she made in order to make this country and this world a better place for us all.”

– Egon Homburger, Member since 1997

Lucie passed away in 2007 but her legacy lives on through the work of the Council.