

Creating a Legacy for *all* Canadians



**THE COUNCIL
OF CANADIANS**

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DEMOCRACY.**

Your values, your Canada, *your legacy*



From the beginning, the Council of Canadians has been a home for people who believe that a better Canada is possible. Every campaign has been timely to reflect Canadians' priorities and policies they hold so dear. Thanks to supporters, members, and chapter activists, the Council has been able to forge a brighter future for Canadians for over 35 years.

Leaving a gift in your will to the Council of Canadians is a way of putting your values into action, long after your lifetime. Whatever the amount of your gift, know that it will support the Council's work for years to come while making sure your values and ideals live on.

Building Your Legacy for a Better Canada

A better Canada is possible.

You can build that future today by including a gift in your will to the Council of Canadians. It is a simple and powerful way that you can turn these hopes into realities, and make a lasting personal statement on what truly matters to you.

Join donors like you who have chosen to share their values and beliefs with future generations. Please consider this opportunity to support the Council of Canadians with a gift in your will.

**“With my legacy gift, I want the
Council to continue fighting for
social justice for all Canadians”**

Joan Deleuze lives in Toronto, and has been a donor since 1989.

We're Here to Help

If you wish to speak to someone about your legacy, please contact H el ene Bertrand who will be happy to answer your questions:

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H el ene is the Development Officer for Major and Legacy gifts at the Council of Canadians, where she has worked for 13 years. H el ene hopes to leave the world a better place for the little people that trust us to protect their future.



H el ene Bertrand

Imagining a Better Future

“When I was a child, my parents followed a New Year’s Eve ritual of passing the evening in making philanthropic donations for social justice and international relief. We would talk about each organization and what they did. As soon as I began to earn and save, I followed the same annual practice. I grew up to be interested in politics. When the Council was formed, my husband and I felt it reflected our ideas about Canadian independence and cultural self-determination so we made our first donations. Without the Council, today’s young activists would lack the benefit of such strong traditions of political activism and grassroots organizing.

I want the Council to continue carrying my values into the future. My legacy gift will help to sustain the Council as a generator of grassroots activism and citizen involvement in Canadian community and political life.”

Carolyn Canfield lives in Vancouver. She joined the Council in 1991.



Legacy giving is a part of our footprint on this world, a small mark we leave behind to make it a better place for all.

Sample language that can be used in your will:

RESIDUAL LEGACY

I give to The Council of Canadians (200-240 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X4), ___% of the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes.

SPECIFIC LEGACY

I give to The Council of Canadians (200-240 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X4), the sum of \$ ___ of my estate to be used for its general purposes.

There are other ways that you can leave a legacy to the Council of Canadians. You may want to transfer a paid-up life insurance policy, give a gift of property, stocks or bonds, or unused RIFs.

While planning your legacy gift can be as simple as adding one line to your will, we encourage you to obtain legal and financial advice to ensure that your financial goals are considered, your tax situation reviewed, and your planned gift is tailored to your circumstances.

If you wish to discuss the legacy options that meet your needs, please contact:

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