



**FIGHTING
BLINDNESS
CANADA**



YOUR GUIDE TO CREATING **A GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

BENEFITS TO YOU

SIMPLE – A Legacy gift in your Will is easy to arrange. Simply instruct your lawyer to include a gift to Fighting Blindness Canada.

CONVENIENT – A legacy gift in your Will can be made no matter how old you are and can be for any amount you want. It can be cash, securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds), real estate, or other tangible personal property.

FLEXIBLE – Your gift can be for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate – a gift after your debts have been paid and other gifts made.

TAX RELIEF – A legacy gift in your Will is a highly effective way to reduce taxes in your estate.

TAX PLANNING – Fighting Blindness Canada issues a charitable tax receipt for the full value of your gift. This receipt will be used to reduce any tax payable on your final tax return. If your gift exceeds 100% of your net income, the excess may be carried back to the previous tax year or forward as part of Graduated Rate Estate plan.

A charitable gift in your Will of any size, is a meaningful way to support Fighting Blindness Canada and live out your values in the fight for sight by supporting critical, innovative research far into the future. A *charitable legacy gift* is a direction in your Will that instructs your Executor(s) or Trustee(s), to leave one or more of your assets to a charitable organization(s). Leaving a gift in your Will is easy and can help ensure your loved ones are cared for, your estate is protected, and causes you care about like Fighting Blindness Canada, continue their vital work.

The easiest way to have the greatest impact funding research in the future, is to make an unrestricted gift. It will be used in the most effective way when the gift is received. However, if you wish to designate your gift for a specific area of research, we are happy to discuss that option with you. Please see our sample gift language below.

VISIONARY CIRCLE

These arrangements should be developed with a highly qualified financial planner and life insurance expert. When you leave Fighting Blindness Canada in your Will you are recognized through our **Visionary Circle**. When you step into that Circle you join other courageous, passionate Canadians, who also have a dream for a world without blindness. Fighting Blindness Canada would like to recognize your personal commitment to the **Fight for Sight ... the power to change lives in the future**. Your actions define you as a visionary, someone who wishes to create miraculous results in curing blindness Now and for generation to come. Your name (if you wish) will be listed within our **Visionary Circle**, and you will get regular updates on the successes and challenges in ongoing work of Fighting Blindness Canada.

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SAMPLE GIFT IN THE WILL CLAUSES

Specific, unrestricted:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Fighting Blindness Canada the sum of \$ _____ to be used for any purpose(s) approved by the Board of Directors of Fighting Blindness Canada.

Specific, restricted with clause to vary:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Fighting Blindness Canada the sum of \$ _____ to be used for the following purpose(s): _____. If Fighting Blindness Canada is unable to apply all or part of these funds for the specific purpose(s) stated herein, the Board of Fighting Blindness Canada will redirect the gift to a new purpose that is as close as possible to the original intent.

General % unrestricted:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Fighting Blindness Canada _____ % of the residue of my estate to be used for any purpose(s) approved by the Board of Directors of Fighting Blindness Canada.

General %, restricted with clause to vary:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Fighting Blindness Canada, _____ % of my estate to be used for the following purpose(s): _____. If Fighting Blindness Canada is unable to apply all or part of these funds for the specific purpose(s) stated herein, Fighting Blindness Canada Board will redirect the gift to a new purpose that is as close as possible to the original intent.

Residual contingent trust:

Upon the death of the survivor of my (wife, husband, etc.) _____ and my (son, daughter, etc.) _____, I direct my trustee to transfer and deliver the balance of the residue of my Estate, including any undistributed income to Fighting Blindness Canada.

These are sample clauses only. Your lawyer or estate planner should always review clauses and ensure they are appropriate to your wishes and comply with the laws in your province.

For more information on this or other gifts to Fighting Blindness Canada please contact Doug Smith, Manager, Planned Giving and Donor Relations, at dsmith@fightingblindness.ca or 1-800-461-3331 Ext. 237

