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## **Legacy Giving Guide**

Leaving a Gift for  
Teach for Canada in Your Will

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## Leaving a Gift in Your Will

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Leaving a gift in your will is a powerful and yet surprisingly easy way to reflect Teach For Canada's mission in your legacy.

### Benefits of a Legacy Gift

***By leaving a gift in your will, you can:***

- Ensure that your belief in equal education for First Nations communities lives on
- Reflect our organizational values of humility, integrity, collaboration, learning, and respect in your final wishes
- Leave a larger gift than you may be able to give during your lifetime

***Other benefits:***

- A gift in a will does not have to take away from what you plan to leave your loved ones
- A legacy gift does not cost you anything now
- A gift in a will can significantly reduce the amount of taxes on your estate

### Types of Legacy Gifts

Below are several examples of bequests you can leave in your will. This is by no means a comprehensive list of options, and so we recommend that you discuss your options with your lawyer or financial advisor.

- **General Bequest:** The gift of a fixed sum of money or percentage of your estate designated in your will.
- **Residuary Bequest:** A percentage (or all) of the remainder of your estate after your other beneficiaries have been accounted for.
- **Contingent Bequest:** A bequest in which Teach For Canada only receives a gift if your other beneficiaries pass away before you do.
- **Perpetual Endowment:** A gift which is invested, with the generated income used to benefit Teach For Canada's mission for years to come. (Note: gifts in perpetuity of \$25,000 or more can be used to set up a permanent fund in the donor's name or the name of a loved one.)



## How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

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**Every gift to Teach For Canada makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for considering making our work part of your legacy.**

### Sample Wording for Legacy Gifts

**General Bequest:** *I give to Teach For Canada [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_% of my Estate] to be used at the discretion of the organization.*

**Residuary Bequest:** *I give to Teach for Canada all (or \_\_\_%) of the residue of my Estate, including any undistributed income to be used at the discretion of the organization.*

**Contingent Bequest:** *Upon the death of the survivor of [names of primary beneficiaries], I give the balance (or \_\_\_%) of the residue of my Estate, including any undistributed income to Teach For Canada to be used at the discretion of the organization.*

**Perpetual Endowment:** *I give to Teach For Canada [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_% of my Estate]. I direct this amount to be invested and the income generated used to benefit the organization at its discretion.*

### Your Next Steps

1. Discuss your legacy giving plans with your family and loved ones.
2. Speak with your lawyer and/or financial advisor about drafting (or revising) your will. This will help to ensure that your assets are properly distributed as per your intentions.
3. Include the appropriate wording in your will.
4. Please let us know about your gift. We would love the opportunity to thank you and discuss what you hope your gift will accomplish. We will respect your privacy and confidentiality.

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