

Charitable Bequests

Arrange a significant donation while maintaining your financial security. Making a charitable bequest through your Will is a simple way for you to make an important impact in the future and help MSF deliver humanitarian relief to people in need. If you already have a Will, you can add a simple codicil specifying your donation.

Through your Will, you can give a specific amount or percentage of cash, securities or other property to MSF. You can also make your gift from the proceeds of your estate once all other legacies and obligations have been taken care of. This is called a residual bequest and is the most beneficial type of legacy gift for MSF. Unlike a specific fixed amount, your legacy will maintain its value over time and will best represent your humanitarian intentions.

Your gift can also provide tax benefits that will be passed on to your heirs. When you give to MSF through your Will, the tax credit can be claimed up to 100% of net income in the year of death. (Ordinarily, tax credits for charitable donations can be claimed up to 75% of net income.) If the amount of your bequest exceeds your income for that year, credit for the excess can be applied up to 100% of the previous year's income. In some instances, making a charitable bequest can offset taxes, ensuring that bequests for family and friends are worth more.

A note about restricted bequests:

MSF's work is such that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to use restricted funding; we do not know where the greatest need will be in the future. For this reason, we strongly urge our supporters to keep all gifts - including bequests - unrestricted, helping ensure that funds will be put to immediate use to effectively respond where the needs are most severe and where MSF can have the greatest impact. If you feel strongly about a specific cause or context, please call me so that we can discuss your legacy.

When preparing your Will, please note that our legal name is:

Doctors Without Borders Canada/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada
551 Adelaide Street West
Toronto, ON M5V 0N8
Charitable Registration No: 13527 5857 RR0001

We always recommend you seek professional advice from your lawyer or financial advisor when preparing or amending your Will. I would be happy to review any information with you or your professional advisor in confidence when the time is right for you.

(See over for sample bequest clauses)

Sample Bequest Wording

The following sample Will clauses are intended as a resource for you and your legal advisor, and are not in any way intended to serve as legal advice on the part of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). In order to ensure that your philanthropic wishes are met, MSF encourages you to seek the assistance of a legal advisor.

1. Sample Gift of Money for General Purposes

"I give to Doctors Without Borders Canada/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada currently located at 551 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 0N8 the sum of \$_____ to be used in support of its general charitable purposes."

2. Sample Gift of Asset for General Purposes

"I give to Doctors Without Borders Canada/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada currently located at 551 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 0N8 _____ (insert description of property such as shares, bonds, etc.) to be used in support of its general charitable purposes."

3. Sample Residual Gift

"I give to Doctors Without Borders Canada/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada currently located at 551 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 0N8 _____ (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used for its general charitable purposes."

A residual bequest is an ideal way of supporting the efforts of MSF as the relative value of your gift will be maintained. This will guarantee that your gift makes the most significant impact possible for MSF's field work and ensure that your commitment to humanitarian action will live on.

GET IN TOUCH.

To discuss your legacy gift or for information on other ways to give — such as gifts of securities, annuities or life insurance — please call us at +1-647-577-8002, or email legacies@toronto.msf.org

If you have included MSF in your will, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your lasting dedication to saving lives and delivering care to those who need it most.