



*“Autism Canada has taught our family so much through their conferences and resources. Finally we are connecting with people that believe that Autism is Treatable and Recovery is Possible.”*

**Toni Buratto, Parent**

## LETTING US KNOW

If you have named Autism Canada Foundation in your will, we hope that you will let us know so that we have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and welcome you as a member of the ***Shining Star Legacy Circle***. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, your gift will be kept completely confidential. We will honour your wishes because we greatly appreciate your support.

*“Autism Canada has a thoughtful, thorough, responsible, and pro-active approach that is much needed in facing the challenges of autism.”*

**- Dr. Martha Herbert, MD, PhD  
Harvard University**



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**REMEMBERING**

**Autism Canada  
Foundation**

**IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN**



Do you want to make a meaningful gift to Autism Canada Foundation today, but are concerned that it may take away from your income in the future?

By making a bequest, you have the advantage of arranging a gift to Autism Canada now, while still maintaining your cash flow and future financial security. In addition, a bequest to Autism Canada can provide tax relief for your estate in the year of death.



## Types of Bequests

Bequests are often the simplest and most realistic way to leave a legacy to support a worthwhile cause. The most common types of bequests are:

**Specific Bequest:** you leave a specific dollar amount or stated fraction of the estate.

**Residual Bequest:** you leave all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate, after other specific legacies and debt obligations have been fulfilled.

**Contingent Bequest:** you leave all or a share of the estate only in the event of the prior death of other named beneficiaries [for example a spouse or partner].

**Remainder Trusts:** your named beneficiaries receive income from a trust established in your Will. Upon their death, all or part of the principal will pass to Autism Canada Foundation. Your thoughtful legacy will ensure that future generations will have access to our support when they need it most.

## How to Make a Bequest

If you are contemplating a major change in your current estate plans, or if you are about to have a Will drafted, simply include a bequest to Autism Canada Foundation. If you now have a Will, but are contemplating a bequest to Autism Canada Foundation, discuss with your lawyer about adding a codicil. These suggested wordings will assist you in discussions with family and financial or legal counsel:

**Specific Bequest:** *"I give to Autism Canada Foundation the sum of \$100,000 [or 500 shares of XYZ Stock] to be used for its general purposes and as it may deem appropriate."*

**Residual Bequest:** *"I give to Autism Canada Foundation fifty percent (50%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate . . . to be used as Autism Canada Foundation may deem appropriate."*

**Contingent Bequest:** *"In the event that my wife does not survive me, I give to Autism Canada Foundation the sum of . . ."*

## How Will My Bequest Be Used?

Most bequests will be contributed for general purposes, but you may also make a restricted bequest to be used for a particular purpose or program [e.g. awards, public lectures or conferences, education outreach]. Subject to the Foundation's policies, you may specify that the principal of a bequest is to be held as endowment, and perhaps as a named endowment in your name or as a tribute to another. If your bequest is to be used for a specific, restricted purpose, please include the following language that allows Autism Canada Foundation to use the gift should future circumstances change:

*"If changed circumstances should at some future time make it impractical to apply this gift for the purpose stated above, the Board of Directors of Autism Canada Foundation may direct that this gift be used for other purposes that adhere as closely as possible to the donors' original intent for the gift."*