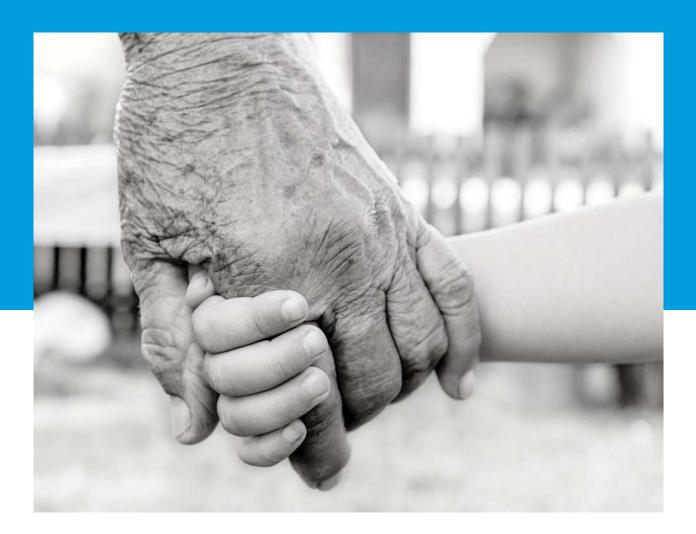
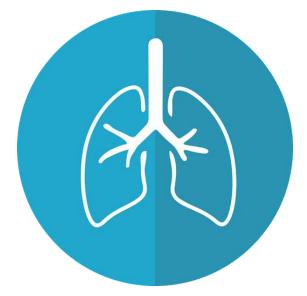


# **Planning Your Legacy**





### HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

When you make a planned gift to Asthma Canada, you're sharing in our vision of a future without asthma and helping take us one step closer to making it a reality.

Thank you for considering leaving a legacy of hope for Canadians with asthma.



## Leaving a gift in your will

Making the decision to leave a gift in your will is a meaningful way to ensure that your legacy is one of hope for the millions of Canadians affected by asthma, and benefits generations to come.

Your planned gift to Asthma Canada will allow us to continue to provide essential asthma education that helps prevent asthma attacks and save lives, while also advocating for change on issues important to the asthma community and funding innovative research to find better treatments and a cure.

### **Bequests**

Bequests are gifts made through your will and are a common way of leaving a planned gift for the future, while still retaining full control over your assets during your lifetime.

If you're planning to leave a bequest, know that you have the power to modify or update your gift at any time in the future.

When you choose to give a charitable gift to Asthma Canada in your will, you can:

- Give a **specific bequest** donating a specific dollar amount
- Give a **residual bequest** donating a percentage of the remainder of your estate after other needs have been fulfilled



## Wording in your will

Once you have decided to leave a gift to Asthma Canada, **you must work with your lawyer** to ensure that the gift is properly included in your will and uses the correct legal language. Below is a sample of possible bequest language.

I give the (sum of \$\_\_\_\_) or (\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) to support the work of Asthma Canada.

**Tip:** When making any type of planned gift, always consult your lawyer to ensure this type of donation is right for you and that it's included in your will correctly.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

## Q. Why should I leave a bequest to Asthma Canada?

**A.** By including Asthma Canada in your will, you're taking a stand against asthma and building a legacy that reflects your values and has a lasting impact in the lives of others. Bequests may also allow you to give a larger gift than would have been possible during your lifetime. Other benefits include:

- The knowledge that your gift will directly improve the lives of those with asthma, helping prevent asthma from claiming lives and bringing us closer to unlocking a cure
- The satisfaction of giving a future gift, while having full control over your assets
- A charitable tax receipt for your estate
- A reduction or elimination of estate taxes through careful planning
- Apart from the cost of preparing your will, there is no cost to making a bequest
- The opportunity to honour or memorialize yourself or a loved one

#### Q. Why is leaving a general gift best?

**A.** A general or unrestricted gift is the best way to ensure that your generous donation is able to be used where it is needed most.

Leaving an unrestricted gift allows us to adapt to meet the needs of our community over time and accounts for possible changes in programming.

\* While an unrestricted gift is often best, Asthma Canada welcomes all legacy gifts, and you can choose to designate your gift to any area of our mission, such as asthma education or research.

## Q. Will I need other information to leave a bequest to Asthma Canada?

**A.** In order to include Asthma Canada in your will, you will need our legal name, address and charitable registration number (listed below).

Asthma Canada 401-124 Merton Street Toronto, Ontario M4S 2Z2

## Charitable Registration Number: 898537048 RR0001

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You are the only one who can decide if leaving a bequest is right for you. If this type of charitable giving interests you, please know that we are here to help and that your legacy is safe in our hands.

#### About Asthma Canada

Asthma Canada is the only national charity solely devoted to improving the quality of life for people living with asthma and respiratory allergies. For more than 45 years, Asthma Canada has proudly served as the national voice for all Canadians affected by this chronic disease.

#### **Our Mission**

Asthma Canada's mission is to help Canadians with asthma lead healthy lives through education, advocacy and research.

#### **Our Vision**

Asthma Canada's vision is a future without asthma.

#### **How We Fulfill Our Mission**

We engage and empower the asthma community through programs, services and advocacy efforts.

We educate and inform people living with asthma and their families, enabling choice for better symptom management.

We support researchers working to find better treatments and a cure for asthma.

We advocate for awareness and change so that all Canadians understand the seriousness of asthma and support positive changes in access to healthcare, medications, and environmental practices.

We strive for excellence in service delivery by continually assessing our operational practices to streamline, maximize donor dollars and apply best practices to all that we do.

Together, we're working to build a better tomorrow for Canadians with asthma, a future where everyone can breathe easy.

Stopping asthma attacks, together.

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