

The Legacy Circle



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what matters most to you?

What holds a special place in your heart? What do you value and believe in, and how will you create your legacy of caring?

Everyone is impacted by the experiences in their lives. It is what makes us who we are. Whether it is an illness or a hardship that touches us deeply, or a positive experience or opportunity that changed our lives – we all look for our own opportunity to give back and to make our world a better place.

Throughout your lifetime you have supported causes that are important to you. By volunteering your time and your charitable donations, you have helped ensure that these organizations are able to continue their important work.

Whether it is education, the environment, health related or faith based causes; you have played an important part in their continued success and ongoing work. How can you continue to make a difference - now and in the future?

And how can FACS Foundation help?



legacy giving a gift for the future

Just as you give careful thought to many major decisions throughout your life, you will want to do the same when it comes planning your charitable gifts and your estate

Legacy giving is a gift for the future. You can make a major planned gift during your lifetime or you can plan to leave a bequest in your will. There are many ways to make a legacy gift and it may be your greatest opportunity to make a major difference in a way that matters most to you.

If helping children and youth in need is near and dear to your heart, please talk with FACS Foundation about legacy giving.

here are some ways you can give

Major gifts – can be made during your lifetime or as part of your estate plan. You can direct your gift to a special area of need or you can allow FACS Foundation to direct it to where it is needed most. You can choose to create a named fund or an endowed fund which will be invested, providing ongoing support to the Foundation for years to come.

safe kids strong families



Children & Youth at Their Best

We believe in a community where children, youth, adults and families achieve their full potential in a safe supportive environment.

To do this, the FACS Foundation funds recreation, education, and supports for youth who are in care or receiving services from Family and Children's Services Niagara.

Last year, the FAC Foundation:

- sent more than 500 children to camp
- provided 48 post secondary bursaries to Crown Wards
- supported youth programs



Of course, our successes are as a result of support from donors across the Niagara Region. We could not do all that we do, without you!

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a way to help the FACS Foundation while caring for your own financial needs. Gift annuities allow the FACS Foundation to realize an immediate source of new funds while you receive a guaranteed flow of fixed lifetime payments at a favourable tax rate and a tax receipt.



Create an Endowment

Creating an endowment fund involves setting up a continued investment that supports the Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services. Through this long-term donation you can have a significant and positive impact on the future of a vulnerable young person. The FACS Foundation has developed an exciting new relationship with the Niagara Community Foundation to manage an endowment that will support our programs.



Gifts of Publicly Traded Securities

The gift of securities can be given in the form of publicly traded securities, bonds, or mutual funds. By donating publicly traded shares to the Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services you pay no tax on capital gains, making it one of the most cost-effective ways to contribute.

Making a gift of securities is a simple process and can be accomplished by filling out and faxing our Donation of Securities Form. Your accountant or lawyer can assist you with making a planned gift.

RRSPs and RRIFs

Donations made through RRSPs and RRIFs provide a rewarding way to create a lasting impact on the lives of the children served by the FACS Foundation. Federal tax law permits naming a charity as a direct beneficiary and makes your estate eligible to receive a tax receipt.

When a RRSP is being converted to a RRIF, you may want to consider withdrawing a portion and contributing it to the FACS Foundation. This gift option allows you to see the benefits of your gift during your lifetime.

Gifts of Life Insurance

By including the Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, you can have a significant long-term impact on the lives of many young people. As with other charitable gifts, there are tax benefits. Gifting through life insurance can be done by either:

- Naming the FACS Foundation as the owner and irrevocable beneficiary. You will receive annual charitable tax receipts for the full value of the premium you pay, as well as a tax benefit associated with any cash surrender value.
- OR naming the FACS Foundation as primary or co-beneficiary while you own the policy. Your estate will benefit from a charitable tax receipt.

Canada Pension Plan

Many individuals across Canada receive Canada Pension benefits, which they don't necessarily need for their retirement years. By providing for their retirement needs through other investment vehicles, donors can use the funds they receive from Canada Pension to make a charitable donation to one of the FACS Foundation many education and enrichment programs and receive a tax receipt.

Gifts of this nature are much like a donation of cash. When you receive your payment from Canada Pension you simply send the Foundation a cheque for the amount or portion of your allotted pension.



Bequests

A charitable bequest is the legal name for a gift made within the provision of your will. It can include any type of property (e.g. a sum of money, personal property, or real estate). It can also be a percentage of your estate, a portion of your real estate, or it can be contingent upon

surviving loved ones. We suggest that you fully explore the various donation methods with your financial advisor, accountants or lawyer to ensure a gift is provided in the most tax-effective way and takes your family needs into account. It is also very important to discuss this with all members of your family. If you have setup a bequest or plan to please notify us by filling out our Charitable Bequest Confirmation Form.

education, recreation, youth programs an investment in the future

Every child should have the opportunity to learn, to laugh, and to play. And every young person should be nurtured to become a successful contributing adult. FACS Foundation helps make this happen through your generous donations.

Each year, more than 500 local kids in need are able to attend summer camp, a simple childhood experience that would otherwise be out of their reach. Dozens of young people in foster care receive financial assistance for college, university, or job-skills training, and many more are helped to make a successful transition from living in foster care to living independently in the community.

By making a major planned gift or by establishing a legacy gift with FACS Foundation, you can help ensure that we can continue to help kids and families in our community for as long as we are needed.

please let us know

Planned and legacy gifts are very important to both the donor and the charity. If you would like to know more about planned giving with FACS Foundation, please let us know of your interest. We can answer any questions and tell you more about how your gift will help.

If you have already made or planned a legacy gift for FACS or FACS Foundation, please let us know so that we can be sure to honour the details of your gift in the way that your intended. What matters most to you, matters to us. Thank you for considering FACS Foundation as part of your legacy of caring.

how can FACS Foundation Help?

Family and Children's Services Niagara has been helping children and families in the Niagara Region for more than 100 years. Supporting struggling parents, protecting children from abuse and neglect, and creating many special families through adoption, FACS has played a special role in our community.

In our mission to achieve a community where kids are safe, families are strong, and youth and adults are at their best - we offer many community programs. Child care, parent resources and Early Years programs, Family Counselling, and more; FACS is dedicated to building a stronger Niagara by keeping kids and families first.

As government funding becomes less available, we rely more and more on the generous contributions of the community to help us reach our goals. FACS Foundation plays an important role in making this possible.



how do I make a planned or legacy gift?

There are many ways to make a planned gift. Planned giving is not just for "wealthy people". Most people have the ability to make a legacy gift, whether in their lifetime or as part of their estate planning. It may be the most significant gift you will ever make.

It can be as simple as naming FACS Foundation as a beneficiary in an insurance policy or by leaving a bequest in your will. Or you can make a gift of stocks, bonds, or securities. How you choose to give is completely up to you and we strongly recommend that you consult with your family and loved ones, and with your financial and legal advisors.

Any planned gifts should help you meet your charitable and philanthropic goals, your personal and financial objectives, and may help to lower your income and estate taxes. Planned giving is a wonderful way to achieve what matters most to you.