



GIFT IN WILL

Information Booklet

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Leaving a Charitable Gift in my Will

What should I consider?



Choosing to leave a charitable donation in your Will is the perfect way to let your care and compassion continue in years to come. Here are some things to consider:

1. Make sure you have a Will and it is up to date.

This sounds obvious but more than 50% of Canadians do NOT have a Will. This is the best way to ensure that your wishes will be met after you are gone.

2. What charities have impacted your life or the life of your family and friends?

Leaving a gift to a charity that has made a difference in your life will help the good work of that charity live on after you're gone allowing others to benefit much like you have.

3. Is there a loved one(s) you would like to honour with your gift?

By honouring a loved one with a gift in your Will to charity, your gift is even more meaningful.

4. Talk to your family

Share why you want to support Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation. This helps them understand your wishes and sets a wonderful example of generosity.



5. Talk to your lawyer, financial planner, Accountant or Insurance Agent

They have the knowledge and experience to help you decide what is right for you and your financial situation.

6. Let Us Know

By letting us know about your generous intentions, it gives us the opportunity to acknowledge your thoughtfulness and help you understand the true impact of your future gift.



Why should I leave a Gift in my Will to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation?

Caring is the number one value at Chatham-Kent Hospice. Choosing to leave a charitable donation in your Will is the perfect way to let your care and compassion continue for years to come. Leaving a gift in your Will to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation ensures that residential hospice services are available in our community at no cost to our residents and their family. That means your family and friends will have access to residential hospice care when they need it the most!

About Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation

The Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation is dedicated to raising the funds needed to support the compassionate, end-of-life Hospice care offered at Chatham-Kent Hospice. The Foundation is governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors whose main focus is to secure contributions to support the hospice, foster relationships with donors and manage their contributions in a responsible and transparent manner.



How is Chatham-Kent Hospice Funded?

Like all residential hospices in Ontario, Chatham-Kent Hospice receives only partial funding from the government and that funding is restricted for direct medical care costs only. This means, in order to cover other operating expenses like utility bills, groceries, building, education and administration expenses, we must rely on donations from generous donors like you. For this year, we must raise \$121,000 each month to cover the additional operating costs. By leaving a gift in your Will, you will help ease this ongoing fundraising burden.

About Chatham-Kent Hospice



At Chatham-Kent Hospice, we focus on comfort, quality of life and supporting the precious moments families share as their loved one lives the final chapter of their life. Hospice care is not as much about dying as it is about living – living each day and each moment to the fullest. We help our residents live each day with dignity and honour by providing compassionate, end-of-life care in a home-like setting.

Chatham-Kent Hospice Values:

CARING

We are kind and listen carefully. We treat each other with compassion and warmth.

DIGNITY

We honour each person and respect their personal decisions. We pay attention to needs, wishes and values.

EXCELLENCE

As a leader in hospice palliative care, we will continuously improve, implement best practices, find innovative solutions, use our resources wisely and share our knowledge.

INTEGRITY

We are open and honest. We honour our commitments and hold ourselves accountable.

INCLUSIVITY

By respecting everyone's traditions, experiences and perspectives, we demonstrate our belief in inclusivity

COLLABORATION

We believe that trusted relationships with our team members, care partners and community network are the best way to improve care and services.

Frequently Asked Questions



Choosing to remember Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation with a donation in your Will is the perfect way to let your care and compassion continue in years to come. Making a Will can sometimes be confusing – and we know that our donors often have questions about how the process works. Here we've answered some of the most common questions.

1. How do I leave a gift in my Will to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation?

We always recommend having your Will written by a lawyer with expertise in Wills and Probate. This is the best way to ensure that your Will accurately reflects your wishes and is correctly witnessed.

2. Why is it important to have a Will?

By having an up-to-date Will you can ensure that the people and causes that matter to you most are looked after. A Will is the only way to guarantee that your wishes are followed and your assets distributed to benefit those who matter most to you. You can also use your Will to limit the amount of tax that needs to be paid on your estate. If you don't have a Will your whole estate could end up belonging to the Government.

3. Why should I consider leaving a gift in my Will to Charity?

Amplify your impact: After your lifetime, it's possible to make a more significant gift than you might otherwise be able to afford.

Enjoy tax benefits: By including charitable gifts in your estate planning, you may eliminate significant taxes payable upon your death.

Honour a loved one: Use your gift as a lasting memory of a special loved one.

Set an example: By sharing your plans with family and friends, you are setting a positive example of generosity for others to follow.



4. What information should I provide to my lawyer or other financial advisors?

Legal Name: Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation

Address: 34 Wellington Street East
Chatham, Ontario N7M 3N7

Charitable Registration Number: 80900 1597 RR0001

5. What types of gifts can I leave?

The most common gifts we receive are for a specific cash amount (specific gift) or a percentage share of an estate (residual gift) and you can see suggested wording for these types of gifts below.

Specific Gift:

“My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$_____ (or transfer assets with an equal value) to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation (Charitable Registration No. 80900 1597 RR0001), Chatham, ON, for the purposes of supporting its highest priority needs. The receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of this organization shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

Residual Gift:

“My estate trustees shall pay _____ (all or %) of the residue of my estate to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation (Charitable Registration No. 80900 1597 RR0001), Chatham, ON, for the purposes of supporting its highest priority needs. The receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of this organization shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

6. Is there a minimum amount I need to donate to include Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation in my Will?

No – Gifts in Wills come in all shapes and sizes and we’re grateful for all gifts received because so much of our work would not be possible without this very special support.

7. Can I change my existing Will to include a gift to Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation?

Yes you can. We advise you to speak with your lawyer about how to make this addition to your Will.

8. Can I leave a gift for a specific area of work?

Yes you can and we always do our utmost to honour any wishes. That being said, stipulating conditions can make it more difficult for us to use your gift wisely. We would like to use your gift where it will have the most impact, so we would suggest that you express a wish, rather than a condition, that your gift be used to support a specific area of work.

9. Can I change my mind after I have left a gift in my Will?

We understand that circumstances can change and that's okay. Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind and your Will at any time.

10. Are there ways I can leave a gift outside of my Will to charity?

Yes, there are other ways you can leave a gift to charity after you are gone. You can name a charity as a beneficiary on any financial document such as life insurance, pension or investments. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to your financial advisor or insurance agent to see what options would work in your situation.

More resources can be found at willpower.ca

Do you have a question that was not covered here?

Please contact me. I am here to help!



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“It just feels good to give”

John has left a gift in his will to his favourite charities, including Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation and it makes him feel good knowing he is helping others.



“After my wife Margory died 3 years ago, I updated my will and included the gifts to my favourite charities as well as providing for my 2 daughters and their family.

I don’t consider myself wealthy but I am comfortable living on what I need. You can’t take it with you and it feels good knowing I will continue to help others when I’m gone.

When you get old, you’re not afraid of dying so much as you’re afraid of how you’ll die and where you’ll die. If I can’t die at home, the next best place is Hospice. I have known people who have spent their last days there and they were beautiful.

I think it is really important that people who are dying have comfortable surroundings not only for themselves but for their families as well. For people with limited or no family or for those whose family live far away, Hospice is even more important.

It gives me peace of mind knowing my gift will help others have a peaceful end of life.”

John Burgess



"We believe that no matter your situation, you can help others and share what you can. Throughout our life, we volunteered as well as financially supported several local charities and saw the ongoing need ourselves. That's why when it was time to update our Will, we included a future gift to the Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation.

We hope that our gift will make the lives of future residents and their families a little better in some way by providing a comfortable environment where they can live their last days with the supports they need.

Although we will have left this world when this gift is made, it makes us feel wonderful right now knowing that we will continue to help others after we are gone.

We encourage everyone to consider what you can do to help others after you are gone – your family as well as your community. Talk to your loved ones while you can and let them know what you're thinking. Talk to your favourite charity to understand the ways your future gift will make a difference and the options you have for setting it up.

Knowing that we have arranged for a gift that keeps on giving after we're gone is very comforting – very good for the soul!"

Lyn & John Rush



"We are very fortunate in this area to have C-K Hospice providing such caring and compassionate support during an extremely difficult time.

My husband passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, and while the medical care was excellent, it was a cold impersonal environment. I think that if Hospice had been available then, the assistance provided would have been so very beneficial and comforting.

That is why I have made a bequest to C-K Hospice in my Will, knowing it will help provide support and assistance for those experiencing end-of-life care of a loved one."

Julie Brodie



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